

Who is That and Who Cares?
Gomer: The Preacher and the Prostitute
Hosea 1, 2, 3 and 14

*The most important thing about you is what comes to mind
when you think about God. A. W. Tozer*

So what do you think about God?

If we are able to answer that question completely,
we can easily predict our spiritual future.

Hosea

The book of Hosea is the first book (of 12) in the last section in the Old Testament

The last 12 books of the Old Testament are called the minor prophets.

Hosea was a Prophet of God and served 60-70 years.

His name means God has rescued (Joshua)

God gave him a message for his people.

— Israel was free, rich and carefree.

— BUT they forgot God.

Let's meet Gomer

1 The word of the Lord that came to Hosea son of Beeri during the reigns of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, and during the reign of Jeroboam son of Jehoash king of Israel:

2 When the Lord began to speak through Hosea, the Lord said to him, "Go, marry a promiscuous woman and have children with her, for like an adulterous wife this land is guilty of unfaithfulness to the Lord." 3 So he married Gomer daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived and bore him a son.

Gomer: a prostitute whose name means 'complete'

Three kids:

- 1) Gonna scatter (son)
- 2) No mercy (daughter)
- 3) Not my people (son)

1 The Lord said to me, "Go, show your love to your wife again, though she is loved by another man and is an adulteress. Love her as the Lord loves the Israelites, though they turn to other gods and love the sacred raisin cakes."

*2 So I bought her for fifteen shekels of silver and about a homer and a lethek of barley.
3 Then I told her, "You are to live with me many days; you must not be a prostitute or be intimate with any man, and I will behave the same way toward you. Hosea 3:1-3*

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Message Part II

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1. We are all like Gomer

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2. God never stops loving us.
(and actively pursues us)

*13b "Therefore I am now going to allure her;
14 I will lead her into the wilderness*

*and speak tenderly to her.
15 There I will give her back her vineyards,
and will make the Valley of Achor a **door of hope**.
There she will respond as in the days of her youth,
Hosea 2:14-15*

****Story of the prodigal son.**

3. Sometimes the worst place is the best place.
(Wilderness can be the only place we can really hear God.)

*5 Their mother has been unfaithful
and has conceived them in disgrace.
She said, 'I will go after my lovers,
who give me my food and my water,
my wool and my linen, my olive oil and my drink.'
6 Therefore I will block her path with thornbushes;
I will wall her in so that she cannot find her way. She will chase after her lovers but not
catch them; 7 she will look for them but not find them.
Then she will say,
'I will go back to my husband as at first,
for then I was better off than now.'
Hosea 2:5-6*

****Being pointed in the right direction is more important than your current location.**

4. God will take us back.

*If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us
from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9*

*Let those who are wise understand these things.
Let those with discernment listen carefully.
The paths of the Lord are true and right,
and righteous people live by walking in them.
But in those paths sinners stumble and fall.
Hosea 14:9*

