

Hosea 3:1-5 An Old Testament Picture of Christ's Redeeming Love

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In chapter 3 of Hosea, the Holy Spirit uses the framework of _____ and _____ to use Hosea's story to point forward to the greater story of redemptive love that will one day

The five verses of chapter three break down into four main developments

1. Yahweh's bold _____

Who is Hosea called to go and love?

Hosea is told specifically to GO and love his wife. What does that detail of the command show to us?

*Consider the parallels between Gomer's love for 'raisin cakes' and Esau's desire for lentil soup – Genesis 25

2. Hosea's obedient _____

It is possible that Gomer has found herself stuck in some kind of literal slavery, or legal debt that she must be purchased from. Hosea is willing to pay the price to release her.

(see Romans 6:16, 1 Corinthians 6:19-20, 1 Peter 1:17-19)

3. Hosea _____ the covenant

Though Hosea buys Gomer as a slave, he is not buying her to BE a slave. He is redeeming her for HOLY purposes, not for unholy ones.

Why is antinomianism (the belief that there is no more need to follow God's commands) a very real danger to the Christian who has been saved by grace?

(See Romans 7:4, Romans 6:15)

4. As Hosea has redeemed Gomer, so will Yahweh redeem Israel

During this dry season, two key characteristics that were the byproduct of a healthy bond between Yahweh and Israel will be suspended:

- A. There will be no king or prince in Israel during this time.
- B. During this season, the Northern Kingdom will not experience the blessing of orthodox _____.

Hosea prepares those in the North to embrace this punishment, but also grounds them in the promise that the punishment will not last forever! (see Romans 11:1-6)