

Hosea 7-9

Good evening, Church.

Thank you for joining us here in Old Town.

Here on Wednesday nights, we are jamming through the Old Testament books.

We have come to Hosea Chapter 7.

Remember now, Hosea is a prophet who was called to the northern Kingdom of Israel at a time when Israel was divided between North and South, with Judah in the South.

Similar to the prophet Jeremiah, whom we are reading in our Daily Manna as a Church, in the One Year Bible, Hosea was a prophet called to oversee the fall of Israel in the North.

The prophet Hosea's life served as a symbolic message to the nation. He married a harlot who returned to her wicked ways, betrayed him, and then he found his wife at a slave auction and repurchased her for half price.

The picture was both pathetic and poetic, as it depicted redemption and God's love, showcasing the great lengths to which God's love was willing to go.

We have moved beyond the picture and into the message of this prophet of God.

God is declaring His complaint against them, pronouncing the reasons for His judgments.

God saw their wickedness, the harlotries of Israel.

Remember last time, God said He would judge Israel and Judah, but He would return Judah from captivity.

So, let's pray, and then we'll dive into our verses for tonight.

Hosea Chapter 7 starting in verse 1...

Israel Has Rebelled Against God

7:1 "When I would have healed Israel,

Then the iniquity of Ephraim was uncovered,

And the wickedness of Samaria.

For they have committed fraud;

A thief comes in;

A band of robbers takes spoil outside.

2 They do not consider in their hearts

That I remember all their wickedness;

Now their own deeds have surrounded them;

They are before My face.

**3 They make a king glad with their wickedness,
And princes with their lies.**

Think about what God is saying here...

God would have healed them... He wanted to heal them.

God desires to heal... to comfort... not to hurt or cripple.

He wants to justify a person, not judge their life.

When a surgeon operates on a patient, the patient must be sedated or put under, so there is no fight or refusal to the help.

The patient must fully cooperate with the treatment the surgeon is applying.

And Israel was a manic patient, ripping out the IVs, refusing the very treatment that would save their lives; they would not rest in the Great Physician's hands, and they could not be healed.

If Israel showed the slightest urge to confess their sin, to turn from their wicked ways, there would be hope.

But instead, they openly celebrate, parade, and flaunt their sins.

It is not my fault. They would now blame God, saying, "God made me this way."

We see this happening in our culture today, in the post-Christian America...

People today want to be applauded and even celebrated for their sins.

They want to be identified by their sin...

"What do you identify by?" Are our cultures flexing on one another?

However, the culture has now become more concerned with the rights of sinful people than with preserving the righteousness of a society.

This has allowed every kind of taboo form of perversity to come out of the woodworks, things that used to be hidden in the darkness are now in the open spaces, championed, and they are promoted in every part of our culture, in arts, in media, in academia...

And all of us are now forced fed a steady diet of wickedness...

And God would heal our nation, but only if we would repent, and turn from our sin...

Notice in verse 2, God's people had forgotten Him...

And that is surprisingly not hard to do.

We can get so caught up in this world's race... that the eternal things become last things.

Materialism and this pursuit of more become blinding factors in our walk with God...

It is not long before wicked ideas and wicked agendas become our hearts' desires...

Israel had found itself in this place... and our nation and culture are somewhere close...

Now, in the rest of Chapter 7, the Prophet Hosea employs four analogies to describe the nation of Israel: a heated oven, a cake unturned, a silly dove, and a deceitful bow.

4 "They *are* all adulterers.

Like an oven heated by a baker —

He ceases stirring *the fire* after kneading the dough,
Until it is leavened.

5 In the day of our king

Princes have made *him* sick, inflamed with wine;
He stretched out his hand with scoffers.

6 They prepare their heart like an oven,
While they lie in wait;
Their baker sleeps all night;
In the morning it burns like a flaming fire.

We see a heated oven here as a picture of their hot lust...

Their sensual desires were their driving force in their lives.

They burned selfishly and out of control.

In ancient Israel, the baker's oven was a brick fireplace heated with wood or grass. The baker would stoke the fire, then cook on top of the fireplace.

When he went to bed and the oven was no longer in use, the fire would die out.

But Israel is seen here as a fire that fuels itself; even after the baker goes to bed, they are still burning hot. Their sinful appetites never turned off.

And this is the problem with lust when it is left unchecked, day in and day out, it rules our lives and controls the direction we go.

It takes us beyond our natural boundaries.

Lust is a beast that is never satisfied. Once you start feeding it, it always needs more; it grows and requires an increase in its arousal.

Israel had become like a self-stoking oven, and it would not die out on its own.

Then in verse 7, this reality is presented...

**7 They are all hot, like an oven,
And have devoured their judges;
All their kings have fallen.
None among them calls upon Me.**

When we studied through 1 Kings, we saw nineteen kings ruled in the northern Kingdom of Israel, and every one of them was wicked.

They had 200 years of God's Mercy over that Kingdom, during which nine dynasties had a chance to change course.

Evil and wickedness, intrigue and assassination, perversions and idolatry were the tale of the land for all of their history.

Hosea says they were addicted to wine...

Proverbs 31:4-5 *It is not for kings to drink wine,
Nor for princes intoxicating drink;
5 Lest they drink and forget the law,
And pervert the justice of all the afflicted.*

The kings led the people into this apostate state, a continual rebellion against their God...

God continually looked to them for repentance, hoping they would turn to Him, but generation after generation refused, and now was the time for judgment.

The righteous judges were replaced with wicked ones, and it was truly anarchy...

None of the leaders called upon the Lord.

Look now at verse 8...

8 "Ephraim has mixed himself among the peoples;
Ephraim is a cake unturned.

9 Aliens have devoured his strength,
But he does not know *it*;
Yes, gray hairs are here and there on him,
Yet he does not know *it*.

10 And the pride of Israel testifies to his face,
But they do not return to the LORD their God,
Nor seek Him for all this.

So, the illustration has changed to something like a pancake that has been on the griddle too long.

The bottom is completely burned, and the top remains raw.

Neither side offers anything edible.

The bottom is black, burned to a crisp, and the top is all gooey and of no value.

Ephraim, or Northern Israel, is like this cake unturned.

Strangers have devoured his strength, and he does not know it.

This sounds like Sampson sitting there asleep on Delilah's lap, as she has sheared his hair, and yelled, "Sampson, the Philistines are upon you!"

That wicked woman pestered him day and night, until he revealed the secret, and as he leaped to his feet to fight off...

The Scriptures read...

Judges 16:20 So he awoke from his sleep, and said, "I will go out as before, at other times, and shake myself free!" But he did not know that the LORD had departed from him.

What a terrible place to be in, to have your strength, the Spirit of God, removed from you, and not even know it...

Strangers had devoured Israel's strength...

She had mixed herself with strangers, and now they were weak and powerless.

And so many gifted men and women of God have been stifled by those they have chosen to surround themselves with.

The one they choose to yoke themselves with...

They are being used tremendously by the Lord, God is lifting their life up, gifting them, they are going places for the Kingdom of God...'

Then they bring in their new guy... and I scratch my head... they don't realize their new associations are taking all the strength... they have traded in something amazing, incredible, for some nose picking, no showering, weasel...

I'll never understand it...

And before long, they drift away, choosing a life of sin. I have seen the story over and over again...

Then Romeo breaks their heart... and they are back... but now broken, bruised, and battered... they seem never to regain the former footing they once had... sadly, they come back for a while, and they seem to stay on the same cycle, until another Romeo starts sapping their strength, leading them down the same path.

Sin is such a dastardly thing, because when we start tolerating it, it has such a blinding effect on us...

You can't see for yourself what is happening to you... Others see the changes...

You convince yourself you have it under control... but the effects and toll on your life show otherwise...

In verse 9, we see that they had grey hairs, but they had convinced themselves they were as strong as they had always been...

But outwardly, anyone could look at them and say, "No, man, it is obvious, sin is taking a toll on you."

But the pride of Israel testifies to his face, and instead of returning to the Lord or seeking Him, they were making excuses for their sin.

The nation was going down the drain, and it was almost over for them, but they are flaunting around like all is well.

They are not seeking God nor returning to Him. They were comfortable now in their sin... they wanted to be left alone in it all... don't tell me what I am doing is wrong... I don't want to hear it... They were filled with pride.

Verse 11 now...

Futile Reliance on the Nations

11 "Ephraim also is like a silly dove, without sense —
They call to Egypt,
They go to Assyria.

Now, this is interesting, Ephraim was the strongest tribe in the northern Kingdom, and the nation went by its name.

It is here called by its third idiom, a silly dove...

And being a boy in Phelan, with a BB gun, I learned early on in life that Doves really were one of the dumbest animals on the planet.

The Ravens, I learned, were some of the smartest... but those doves were not very intelligent...

And I had no problem getting a couple of them in one day, I was a mighty hunter at the age of 8...

But the dove would sit there and just look at you, not even aware of danger... without sense...

Israel was unaware that they were in the sites of Egypt and Assyria. They sought to form alliances, while those two powers looked to conquer them.

They tried to ally themselves with the superpowers of the day instead of looking to God...

Verse 12...

12 Wherever they go, I will spread My net on them;
I will bring them down like birds of the air;

I will chastise them
According to what their congregation has heard.

13 "Woe to them, for they have fled from Me!

Destruction to them,
Because they have transgressed against Me!
Though I redeemed them,
Yet they have spoken lies against Me.

14 They did not cry out to Me with their heart
When they wailed upon their beds.

"They assemble together for grain and new wine,
They rebel against Me;

15 Though I disciplined *and* strengthened their arms,
Yet they devise evil against Me;

16 They return, *but* not to the Most High;
They are like a treacherous bow.

Their princes shall fall by the sword
For the cursings of their tongue.

This *shall be* their derision in the land of Egypt.

So, the silly doves will be caught in God's net, His snare.

They were bringing their obligatory offerings, but their outward religion hid the fact that their hearts were far from God.

Think about that... their personal lives and pursuits were wicked... but they still went to Church, so to speak, to try to appease God... They went through the ritual hoping to satisfy God...

But their hearts were nowhere near him...

It really is a heart check for us... There is a possibility that a person can develop a routine of attending church, and it becomes something they do to appease their own conscience due to other issues in their life.

They are trying to balance a scale of some kind...

They know that a bulk of their life is lived for themselves and their own pleasures... but if they can squeeze a little religion in, it might help tip the scales...

No, no, no...

The Bible tells us that the heart is deceitfully wicked above all else... the scales can never be tipped in our favor...

What we do here is an act of Love... we Love Him because He first loved us...

Listen... if your life is not lived in a relationship with God, then what you are doing here is futile...

This is nothing more than obligatory religion... God never wanted that...

He wants you... your heart... all of you...

He wants you here... your worship here... but also when you get in the car to leave... He wants you there as well...

When you walk through your front door.... He hopes to have you there too...

In your room at night... when you wake up... in traffic on the way to work... as you are at work... dealing with work...

There is no time... where He does not want your heart...

When you realize that, then what you do here becomes so much more meaningful, as it is just a continuation of your day with Him.

Israel was warped in their thinking; they had become a treacherous bow.

We become warped in our thinking when we believe we can somehow straighten out our own lives...

We can do Church to fix the wrongs we are doing throughout the week.

Jesus is the only one who can make things right. He replaces the Old Nature with the New Nature, with a Nature that Loves Him and Loves Others...

Look now at Chapter 8...

The Apostasy of Israel

8:1 "Set the trumpet to your mouth!

He shall come like an eagle against the house of the LORD ,

Because they have transgressed My covenant
And rebelled against My law.

2 Israel will cry to Me,
'My God, we know You!'

3 Israel has rejected the good;
The enemy will pursue him.

4 "They set up kings, but not by Me;
They made princes, but I did not acknowledge *them*.
From their silver and gold
They made idols for themselves —
That they might be cut off.

God commands that a trumpet or shofar, a ram's horn, be used here to sound an alarm.

Alert the nation for battle, the incredibly ferocious Assyrians are on the way to invade the land.

The "He" that is like an eagle is the famous general Shalmaneser, and he will come like an eagle upon its prey.

Assyria will come down upon sinful Samaria, Israel's capital.

In verse 2, we see Israel crying out to their God...

It really looks like what Jesus said in...

Matt 7:21-23 "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. 22 Many will say

to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' 23 And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'

You know, if I wanted to catch the Dodgers playoff games, and tried to get tickets by saying, "Hey, but I know Otani." That wouldn't get me very far, since Otani has never heard of me.

And the same goes for our entrance into heaven...

It is not about what we know of Jesus, but whether He knows us and if our name is in His Book of Life.

Here Israel is shouting, "My God, we know You," But it was only in pretense; their heart were far from Him, and they had already rejected Him.

They had set up idolatrous kings, a rival religion, and made sexual perversities the societal norms...

Their hearts were far from God...

Verse 5...

**5 Your calf is rejected, O Samaria!
My anger is aroused against them —**

How long until they attain to innocence?

6 For from Israel *is* even this:

A workman made it, and it *is* not God;

But the calf of Samaria shall be broken to pieces.

Remember when the Kingdom was divided, Jeroboam set up a rival religion with two golden calves, one in the northern part of Israel, and one in the south.

It was an idolatrous form of worshipping Yahweh... but not the true worship as in Jerusalem.

It was a worship built for convenience, so the people did not have to go all the way to the Holy City.

There is a lesson there for us... It is easy today to make worship more convenient...

To come to worship only when it is easy for us... to serve only when it doesn't impede on other things... to give financially of the leftovers to the Lord instead of the firstfruits.

It seems some only go to Church if there is nothing else to do.

There is no commitment... no sacrifice to their lives...

We are told in

Rom 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, *which is your reasonable service.*

Our whole lives should be all in; this is our reasonable service, after all that Jesus has done for us.

But Israel created a more convenient religion... and many are guilty of that same heart today...

Verse 7...

7 "They sow the wind,
And reap the whirlwind.
The stalk has no bud;
It shall never produce meal.
If it should produce,
Aliens would swallow it up.

8 Israel is swallowed up;
Now they are among the Gentiles
Like a vessel in which *is* no pleasure.

They are told here that the consequences of their made-up religion are that they will now be forced to be outcasts.

They will be living among the Gentiles, and they will be persecuted and hated.

They will be a byword... despised and hated...

They turned away from God, and now God will turn away from them.

They will reap what they have sown... they were once a fruitful vine... but now there is no fruit on the vine....

And we should be praying Church, that Fruit remains on the vine of our lives personally and as a Church corporately...

Once the fruit is gone, we'll need to do an inventory.

Verse 9 now...

9 For they have gone up to Assyria,
Like a wild donkey alone by itself;
Ephraim has hired lovers.

10 Yes, though they have hired among the nations,
Now I will gather them;
And they shall sorrow a little,
Because of the burden of the king of princes.

11 "Because Ephraim has made many altars for sin,

They have become for him altars for sinning.

12 I have written for him the great things of My law,
But they were considered a strange thing.

God had reached out to them through His Word, but the Law of God had become strange to them.

God's Word was reaching out to them... but they had become dull of hearing...

Now, we have almost finished the Old Testament as a Church... I see out there... some of you have been here since the Book of Genesis... we have gone through almost all of it together...

And here is the thing... I am a pretty plain guy...

Whenever my family and I go out for ice cream, I always get the same flavor. They give me a bit of a hard time...

It does not matter where we go... they all know dad's favorite... I don't change... I am a pretty predictable and unexcitable guy, and I admit it - I'm boring.

They will all roll their eyes, knowing Dad won't do anything out of the norm.

But when it comes to the Bible, that is something that genuinely excites me, because as we've discovered and tested as a Church...

It does not matter where we are in God's Word; what we are studying here, we know God is going to speak to us... something supernatural is going to happen...

We have seen over the last decade in God's Word that there is no page wasted, that He cannot use to speak to our lives...

This Book is incredible...

And when the Bible becomes "Blah" to someone... then something is terribly wrong...

This Book is how the God of the Universe reaches down to the heart of man and speaks to us...

He searches us, knows us, challenges our lives, changes us, and transforms our thinking.

This ancient Book, written thousands of years ago, has proven to be more modern than the most brilliant minds of our day.

It is both miraculous and proven. History is catching up to it... Archeology, goodness, the more they dig up, the more it proves the Book in your lap...

There is nothing more incredible than the Bible... and even though many have sought to destroy it, eliminate it, hide it, keep it from our eyes, there it is, the number one sought-after book by human beings...

You can't stop it... the human heart is drawn to it... because from its pages, the God of the Universe is calling... drawing... He is speaking...

He is not a silent Church...

This Book is not boring...

Even this boring dad and husband —the most predictable man on earth —can find himself behind the pulpit each week in awe of what we read and glean from the pages of this Bible...

It is new and fresh... it hits hard, convicts, but it also lifts and heals...

God told Israel, "I have written great things, but they were counted as strange things."

May we always be in awe of God's Word. Never let yourself get bored with it. When you start letting God's Word go unopened, that is the first step toward a backslidden state. Always... I can't tell you how many times I have heard it...

You will not be the exception... You will go down if you put the Word of God down...

Look now at verse 13...

13 *For the sacrifices of My offerings they sacrifice flesh and eat it,*

But the LORD does not accept them.

Now He will remember their iniquity and punish their sins.

They shall return to Egypt.

14 *"For Israel has forgotten his Maker,*

And has built temples;

Judah also has multiplied fortified cities;

But I will send fire upon his cities,

And it shall devour his palaces."

Again, we see that they are performing religion, but it is not sincere from their hearts.

And for this, it will end where it all began... God will send them back to bondage in Egypt.

And this will happen to Judah in the days of Jeremiah, after the fall of Jerusalem to the Babylonians.

Verse 1 of Chapter 9 now...

Judgment of Israel's Sin

9:1 Do not rejoice, O Israel, with joy like *other* peoples,

For you have played the harlot against your God.
You have made love *for* hire on every threshing floor.

2 The threshing floor and the winepress
Shall not feed them,
And the new wine shall fail in her.

3 They shall not dwell in the LORD 's land,
But Ephraim shall return to Egypt,
And shall eat unclean *things* in Assyria.

4 They shall not offer wine *offerings* to the LORD ,
Nor shall their sacrifices be pleasing to Him.
It shall be like bread of mourners to them;
All who eat it shall be defiled.
For their bread *shall be* for their *own* life;

It shall not come into the house of the LORD .

No longer will they be able to observe the Lord's dietary laws, but they will be corrupted as they go to Egypt and Assyria.

They will be scattered, and they will be unable to worship in the house of the Lord.

They had enjoyed a season of prosperity just before the judgment.

Hosea says they loved their harvest times.

But in the end, their prosperity will not feed them; their riches will fail. God will bring judgment on Israel.

Verse 5...

5 What will you do in the appointed day,
And in the day of the feast of the LORD ?

6 For indeed they are gone because of destruction.
Egypt shall gather them up;
Memphis shall bury them.

Nettles shall possess their valuables of silver;
Thorns *shall be* in their tents.

7 The days of punishment have come;
The days of recompense have come.

Israel knows!

The prophet *is* a fool,

The spiritual man *is* insane,

Because of the greatness of your iniquity and great

enmity. **8** The watchman of Ephraim *is* with my God;

But the prophet *is* a fowler's snare in all his ways —

Enmity in the house of his God.

God had been patient with Israel, so patient...

For hundreds of years, he endured wicked kings after wicked kings, waiting for them to turn back to him.

But they had misinterpreted His patience and mercy for blindness.

God is not blind; He is not ignorant of the evil taking place.

And it is dangerous for us to start to think that God does not see, because He has been so gracious to us...

To take His Grace a license to sin...

This is a terrible theology that has become somewhat popular today...

I have heard of churches that have bars right inside them.

Get a cold one, worship Jesus, listen to the Pastor,
feel Good, man...

And the lines are getting so blurred... and people love
it... of course, people will love it... Maybe some of you
are thinking, "What the heck am I sitting here for?
Where are the directions to that Church?"

We love the idea of creating our own Santa Claus
type god to our liking...

But this liberal theology has enormous
consequences...

God will not reward evil... the false prophets in
Israel's day were going to get their due justice...

God had had enough...

And the Lord will now begin His indictment here,
verse 9...

9 They are deeply corrupted,
As in the days of Gibeah.
He will remember their iniquity;
He will punish their sins.

10 "I found Israel
Like grapes in the wilderness;

I saw your fathers
As the firstfruits on the fig tree in its first season.
But they went to Baal Peor,
And separated themselves *to that* shame;
They became an abomination like the thing they
loved.

11 *As for* Ephraim, their glory shall fly away like a
bird —

No birth, no pregnancy, and no conception!

12 Though they bring up their children,
Yet I will bereave them to the last man.
Yes, woe to them when I depart from them!

They had deeply corrupted themselves like in the
days of Gibeah... which would be from the story in
Judges Chapter 19...

Things had gotten really dark in Israel... A Levite had
been visiting Bethlehem, visiting his father-in-law,
when he wanted to leave with his concubine, and was
held up for a few nights.

They finally left late and came to the city of the
Jebusites, or Jerusalem. Since it was a city of the

Gentiles at that time, they went into Gibeah, where the Benjamites were.

No one offered them hospitality, so they were there in the streets, when an old man saw them and offered his home.

And as darkness came over the city, it became like Sodom, and the people went to the home demanding that the man be sent out. The old man refused and sent his daughter and the concubine out...

They raped those poor women all night...

The concubine crawled back to the door of the house and died....

The rest of the story is just really gruesome, and you can read it yourself... but they were guilty of the same degree of sin as in Gibeah....

This nation that was once so fruitful, once a blessing, is now going to Baal.... No longer serving the one true God, they are no longer productive; they are no longer pleasant...

He tells them their glory will fly away like a bird, and God is going to depart from these people.

God will not force Himself on anyone; this is not His nature.

God does not want to force Himself on anyone.

He wants to make Himself known to you, to establish a genuine loving relationship with you.

He doesn't want to force you into following Him.

He gives you the Freedom of choice, for you to come into this meaningful relationship with Him.

If you forsake Him, He won't force it...

But how terrible it is when God departs from a person...

Israel had come to that day...

They had turned their backs on God...

They went their own way, following other gods.

And judgment was now coming...

Verse 13...

13 Just as I saw Ephraim like Tyre, planted in a pleasant place,
So Ephraim will bring out his children to the murderer."

It was once a pleasant place, but now it is on the verge of becoming a slaughterhouse.

The mighty Assyrians will butcher the inhabitants of the northern kingdom.

Verse 14 now...

14 Give them, O LORD —

What will You give?

Give them a miscarrying womb

And dry breasts!

15 "All their wickedness *is* in Gilgal,

For there I hated them.

Because of the evil of their deeds

I will drive them from My house;

I will love them no more.

All their princes *are* rebellious.

These are pretty heavy indictments.

God says in Gilgal, He hated the Israelites... He has driven them from His house.

"I love them to know more."

Interesting, through the Prophet Jeremiah, the Lord said...

Jer 31:3 The LORD has appeared of old to me, *saying*:
"Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love;
Therefore with lovingkindness I have drawn you.

Yet here He says He no longer loves them...

Well, through Jeremiah, the word "Love" is a noun, an object, which is everlasting, and it never wavers.

It is something constant, God will always love us....

But through Hosea, "Love" is a verb, an action...

God will no longer show Israel His love.

God loves Israel; He always has and always will, but because of the people's sin, there does come a point where God will no longer show His love...

And God's Love is extended to all, God loves everyone, but if you refuse His Son Jesus Christ, God will not extend that Love...

God says, "I will love them no more."

That is one of the heavy blows that God gives here in Hosea.

Verse 16...

16 Ephraim is stricken,

Their root is dried up;

They shall bear no fruit.

Yes, were they to bear children,

I would kill the darlings of their womb."

17 My God will cast them away,

Because they did not obey Him;

And they shall be wanderers among the nations.

Don't think God ever gave up on His people, He did not...

He did, however, give up on their choices.

They wanted to serve idols, so He gave them over to those idols.

God never stopped loving them...

But because they chose those idols, He handed them over to their choice.

They have really been wandering since.

There is coming a day when the Jews will come to the Truth... They will come to Jesus...

We understand that there will be a Revival among the Jews, in the Great Tribulation, and they will finally see Jesus as their Messiah...

But until then, apart from the remnant that is saved today... the wandering as the prophet speaks here.

Also, understand something tonight, you are a child of God, and He will never depart from you.

You are His child.... But there are choices we can make that will push us away from Him...

He is always there, of course. Make sure your heart is always there, seeking His face, His Spirit, and His power.

Make sure that you are offering yourself up as a living sacrifice... which is your reasonable service...

We can walk away... step out... refuse His Love...

Make sure your hands and heart are wide open to receive it all tonight...

Let's pray...