

# Major Lessons from the Minor Prophets

## Hosea: Healed by Love

### Message 3: How God Loves

#### Hosea 3:1-5 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup> And the LORD said to me, "Go again, love a woman who is loved by another man and is an adulteress, even as the LORD loves the children of Israel, though they turn to other gods and love cakes of raisins."

<sup>2</sup> So I bought her for fifteen shekels of silver and a homer and a lethech of barley. <sup>3</sup> And I said to her, "You must dwell as mine for many days. You shall not play the whore, or belong to another man; so will I also be to you."

<sup>4</sup> For the children of Israel shall dwell many days without king or prince, without sacrifice or pillar, without ephod or household gods. <sup>5</sup> Afterward the children of Israel shall return and seek the LORD their God, and David their king, and they shall come in fear to the LORD and to his goodness in the latter days.

#### Redemption – The Cost of God's Love

*The New Testament centers redemption in Jesus Christ. He purchased the church with His own blood (Acts 20:28), gave His flesh for the life of the world (John 6:51), as the Good Shepherd laid down His life for His sheep (John 10:11) and demonstrated the greatest love by laying down His life for His friends (John 15:13). The purpose of Jesus in the world was to make a deliberate sacrifice of Himself for human sin. He did something sinful people could not do for themselves. He brought hope to sinners, providing redemption from sin and fellowship with the Eternal Father. As the Suffering Servant, His was a costly sacrifice, the shameful and agonizing death of a Roman cross. New Testament redemption thus speaks of substitutionary sacrifice demonstrating divine love and righteousness. It points to a new relationship to God, the dynamic of a new life, God's leniency in the past, and the call for humility for the future.*

*In other ways and language the centrality of redemption through the death of Jesus Christ is expressed throughout the New Testament from the Lamb of God who lifts up and carries away the sin of the world (John 1:29) to the redeeming Lamb praised by a multitude because He was slain and by His blood redeemed unto God's people of every kindred, tongue, and nation (Revelation 5:8-14).*

#### 5 lessons:

1) We, like Gomer, were \_\_\_\_\_ because of sin.

*Sin and the path to enslavement ...*

2) Jesus, like Hosea, \_\_\_\_\_ us at great price.

*Sin and the cost of salvation ...*

3) Christ's purchase was done out of \_\_\_\_\_ in order to \_\_\_\_\_, not \_\_\_\_\_ in order to \_\_\_\_\_.

*Sin and the response of God's love ...*

4) Our purchase, like hers, was a \_\_\_\_\_.

*Sin and the mercy of God, saving us from ...*

5) Now purchased, we, like Gomer, are \_\_\_\_\_.

*Sin, redemption, and Lordship ...*

**1 Corinthians 6:19-20 (ESV)**

<sup>19</sup> Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, <sup>20</sup> for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

**1 Corinthians 7:23 (ESV)**

<sup>23</sup> You were bought with a price; do not become bondservants of men.

**Leviticus 25:42 (ESV)**

<sup>42</sup> For they are my servants, whom I brought out of the land of Egypt; they shall not be sold as slaves.

### 3 implications:

First, to \_\_\_\_\_:

There will be a \_\_\_\_\_ regathering of Israel in repentance and salvation.

#### **Romans 11:1-2a (ESV)**

<sup>1</sup> I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. <sup>2</sup> God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

#### **Romans 11:25-27 (ESV)**

<sup>25</sup> Lest you be wise in your own sight, I do not want you to be unaware of this mystery, brothers: a partial hardening has come upon Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in. <sup>26</sup> And in this way all Israel will be saved, as it is written, "The Deliverer will come from Zion, he will banish ungodliness from Jacob"; <sup>27</sup> "and this will be my covenant with them when I take away their sins."

Second, to \_\_\_\_\_:

Will I love like this?

#### **Ephesians 5:22-26, 32 (ESV)**

<sup>22</sup> Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. <sup>23</sup> For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. <sup>24</sup> Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands. <sup>25</sup> Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, <sup>26</sup> that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word ...

<sup>32</sup> This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church.

Finally, to \_\_\_\_\_ and my relationship with God in Christ:

He seeks for me:

#### **Isaiah 65:1 (ESV)**

<sup>1</sup> I was ready to be sought by those who did not ask for me; I was ready to be found by those who did not seek me. I said, "Here I am, here I am," to a nation that was not called by my name."

#### **Ezekiel 34:11 (ESV)**

<sup>11</sup> "For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out."

#### **Luke 19:10 (ESV)**

<sup>10</sup> For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.

He pays for me at great expense:

#### **Ephesians 1:7 (ESV)**

<sup>7</sup> In him **we have redemption through his blood**, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ...

#### **1 Peter 1:18-19 (NIV)**

<sup>18</sup> For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that **you were redeemed**

from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers,<sup>19</sup> but **with the precious blood of Christ**, a lamb without blemish or defect.

Our redemption in Christ will be the eternal fuel of our worship:

**Revelation 5:9-12 (ESV)**

<sup>9</sup> And they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation,<sup>10</sup> and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth."<sup>11</sup> Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands,<sup>12</sup> saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!"

*Next week:*

*The Holiness of God and the Seriousness of Sin*