

LIKE ADAM—OUR “DADDY”

Hosea 6:7-11

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INTRODUCTION

The Lord wants our Loyal Love (6:4, 6)—more than He wants our acts of religious service. All too often our loyal love is temporary like the morning fog and like the early dew on the grass that dissipates in the early morning sun (6:4).

Whom the Lord loves, He chastens; He has “carved” us through His word and His prophets in order to produce in us the “peaceful fruit of righteousness”. But, sometimes God’s people do not respond the way they should.

In 6:7-11 Hosea shows that God’s people (Israel and Judah) are acting like their “daddy”—Adam. We sin because we were born sinners; all of our ancestors were sinners before us.

Jesus has entered into covenant with us through His shed blood; He has saved us by His grace. The Lord expects us to live for Him!

Don’t break your covenant with God.

- I. BEING “TREACHEROUS” (v. 7)—Toward God
 - A. Acting Like Adam
 1. His covenant with God
 2. His “transgression”
 - B. Violating our Relationship with God—treachery against “ME”

- II. BEING VIOLENT—Hurting people (vv. 8-9)
 - A. A “city” of wrongdoers
 - B. “Bloody” footprints (Our sin leaves a distinctive trail!)
 - C. Religious leaders like Gangs out to harm others; they take advantage—both literally and spiritually—of those whom they should serve.
 - D. The whole land is involved—Gilead and Shechem
 - E. “Lewdness” characterizes their behavior (v. 9)

- III. DISGUSTING BEHAVIOR (10)—of everyone—people and priests
Israel (Ephraim) and Judah are guilty here
 - A. Spiritual “harlotry” and literal harlotry

- B. Such behavior is “horrible” to God (“disgusting”)
- C. It is spiritually and physically “defiling”.

IV. THE DAY OF “HARVEST” COMES (Gal. 6:7)

CONCLUSION

What is the opposite of “disgusting”, “violent”, and “treacherous” behavior?

It is behavior that “seeks first the kingdom of God and His righteousness” and is faithfully loyal to the Lord and toward His people.