

OUR FORGOTTEN GOD

Hosea 4:1-6:3 // September 11, 2022 AM

I. The church's chief problem is always ignorance of God (4:1-5:14).

- A. Ignorance of God results in covenant infidelity.
- B. Ignorance of God results in covenant curse.

II. The church's chief pursuit is always knowledge of God (5:15-6:3).

- A. Knowledge of God necessitates covenant repentance.
- B. Knowledge of God necessitates covenant renewal.

QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

1. Why did God have Hosea marry a prostitute who would leave him for other lovers? How was this a picture of God's relationship to Israel? What was the root problem that led Israel to go after other gods?
2. While the church today struggles with many problems, what is the greatest problem? Why?
3. If ignorance of God is the greatest problem the church faces, what is her greatest need? How does God beckon His people into that, beginning in Hosea 5:15?
4. What is repentance, and why do we need it if we would know and enjoy God in the covenant of grace?
5. Read Hosea 6:2. When and through whom was this prophecy ultimately fulfilled?
6. How does God's gospel grace spur us on into the zealous pursuit of the knowledge of God?

QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE REFLECTION

1. How does a failure to pursue a deeper knowledge and delight in one's spouse lead to physical adultery? How does that parallel my relationship to the Lord and my proneness to spiritual adultery?
2. Do I really believe that an expanding, intimate knowledge of God is my greatest need?
3. Does my soul resonate with the words of Tozer, "I want to love God more than anyone in my generation"?