

# Hosea: The Prophet of God's Love

Sunday, September 18

- God compares Himself to a Husband in Hosea (the disowned wife) and Ephesians (the virgin espoused to one husband) 2 Corinthians 11:1-2
- God chose Hosea to picture His love for His wayward people
- Hosea was the last prophet to minister to Israel before her fall
- Outwardly, God's people were prosperous. Spiritually, they were bankrupt

## 1. The Illustration of God's Love: The Marriage of the Prophet (1-3)

### *A. Hosea's Marriage (1:1-2:1)*

1. God's People's Unfaithfulness (1:3)
2. God's People's Judgment (1:4-9)
3. God's People's Restoration (1:10-3:5)

### *B. Hosea's Divorce (2:2-23)*

### *C. Hosea's Reconciliation (3)*

## 2. The Indictment of God's Love: The Messages of the Prophet (4-6)

("The Lord has a controversy with the inhabitants of the land" A Legal Lawsuit with three charges: lack of knowledge, love and faithfulness)

### *A. Lack of Knowledge (4:2-6:3)*

1. The leader's lack of knowledge (4:4-11)
2. The people's lack of knowledge punished (4:12-5:14)
3. The people's restoration (5:15-6:3)

### *B. Lack of Love (6:4-11:11)*

1. The people's lack of love punished (6:4-11:7)
2. The Lord's love for His people (11:8-11)

### *C. Lack of Faithfulness (11:12-14:9)*

1. The people's lack of faithfulness punished (11:12-13:16)
2. The people exhorted to return to the Lord (14:1-9)

