

- THE PROPHET OF GOD'S HEART -

A Father's Love

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1 JOHN 3:1a Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God:

GALATIANS 3:36 For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.

GOD'S TENDER COMPASSION

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JOHN 8:36 If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.

HOSEA 11:8 "How can I give you up, Ephraim? How can I hand you over, Israel? How can I make you like Admah? How can I set you like Zeboiim? My heart churns within Me; My sympathy is stirred."

HOSEA 13:4 "Yet I am the LORD your God ever since the land of Egypt, and you shall know no God but Me; for there is no Savior besides Me."

GOD'S TROUBLING CONCERNS

HOSEA 11:5 "He shall not return to the land of Egypt; but the Assyrian shall be his king, because they refused to repent."

HOSEA 11:6 "And the sword shall slash in his cities, devour his districts, and consume them, because of their own counsels."

HOSEA 11:7 "My people are bent on backsliding from Me. Though they call to the Most High, none at all exalt Him."

GOD'S TROUBLING CONCERNS

HOSEA 11:12 "Ephraim has encircled Me with lies, and the house of Israel with deceit; but Judah still walks with God, even with the Holy One who is faithful."

HOSEA 12:1 "Ephraim feeds on the wind, and pursues the east wind; he daily increases lies and desolation. Also they make a covenant with the Assyrians, and oil is carried to Egypt."

GOD'S TROUBLING CONCERNS

HOSEA 12:2 "The LORD also brings a charge against Judah, and will punish Jacob according to his ways; according to his deeds He will recompense him."

HOSEA 12:7 "A cunning Canaanite! Deceitful scales are in his hand; he loves to oppress."

HOSEA 13:5 "I knew you in the wilderness, in the land of great drought. When they had pasture, they were filled; they were filled and their heart was exalted; therefore they forgot Me."

GOD'S TIMELY CORRECTION

HOSEA 13:12 "The iniquity of Ephraim is bound up; His sin is stored up."