

Hosea 6-9: The Wayward, Wandering Heart

Intro:

Things don't change...but they need to.

If only we knew....

Ignorance is death (6:1-7:2)

Theologically correct, but staggeringly wrong (vv.1-5)

True knowledge of God (v.6)

Ethical depravity (vv.7-10)

God sees through hypocrisy (7:1-2)

Ignorance is folly (7:3-16)

A blazing oven (vv.4-7)

A half burnt cake (vv.8-10)

A senseless bird (vv.13)

A wayward heart (v.14)

Ignorance and idolatry (ch's 8-9)

The pollution of knowledge (8:2; Romans 1:21-23)

An alternate worship system (8:4-6)

In Israel: Politics, pleasure and pluralism

Emptiness (8:7)

The hard, harsh master (8:8-10)

Forgetfulness (8:14)

Destined to wander (9:17)

True knowledge of God

Jesus and *all* your heart (Mark 12:28-34)
See also Matthew 9:13; 12:7

Jesus and the death of ignorance

Jesus and the death of idolatry

Jesus and the *genuine* return to God

Further questions and musings

- 1) What has most challenged me from tonight's passage?
- 2) How does the truth about Jesus speak to my 'wandering heart'?
- 3) In what ways does Jesus show himself superior to the 'false saviours' we find ourselves attracted to?
- 4) How can God be getting not just the outward expressions, but the inward motives that actually drive my life?