**The eternal promises of God – Hosea**

**Lesson: God’s loving salvation is glorious because of His promises to His backslidden people & hardened sinners**

1. **The promise of deliverance – 1:7**

 But I will have compassion on the house of Judah and deliver them by the Lord their God, and will not deliver them by bow, sword, battle, horses or horsemen.

1. **The promise of relationship – 1: 10 – 11**

 Yet the number of the sons of Israel will be like the sand of the sea…

 And in the place where it is said to them You are not a people, it will

 be said to them, You are the sons of the living God.

 And the sons of Judah and the sons of Israel will be gathered together

 And they will appoint for themselves one leader

 And great will be the day of Jezreel

1. **The promise of hopeful future – 2: 14 -15, 16, 18 -20, 23**

 I will allure her, bring her to into the wilderness and speak kindly to her

 I will give her the valley of Achor as a door of hope

 In that day, you will call Me Ishi- Husband

 In that day, I will make a covenant for them…I will abolish the bow, the sword and war from the land

 I will betroth you to Me forever; in righteousness, justice, lovingkindness, and in compassion, in faithfulness & then you will know the Lord

 In that day, I will have compassion on her who had not obtained compassion, and I will say to those who were not My people, You are My people, and they will say, You are My God

1. **The promise of restoration – 3:5, 6:11**

 Afterwards the sons of Israel will return and seek the Lord their God and David their king, and they will come trembling to the Lord and to His goodness in the last days

 O Judah, there is a harvest appointed for you, when I will restore the fortunes of My people

1. **The promise of salvation – 11:1**

 When Israel was a youth I loved him, and out of Egypt I called My son

1. **The promise of patient love – 11:8 – 11**

 How can I give you up, O Ephraim? How can I surrender you, O Israel?

 My heart is turned over within Me, All My compassions are kindled

 For I am God and not man, the Holy One in your midst, and I will not come

 to wrath

 They will walk after the Lord, He will roar like a lion, and His sons will come trembling from the west

1. **The promise of grace – 14:4, 8**

 I will heal their apostasy, I will love them freely, for My anger has turned away from them

 O Ephraim, what more have I to do with idols? It is I who answer and look after you. I am like a luxuriant cypress, from Me comes your fruit.

**Meditations on the Love of God**

John 3:16 – For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life

John 15:13 – greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends

Rom. 5:5 – the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us

Rom. 5:8 – But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Rom. 8:39 – For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, not things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, not depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord

2 Thess. 3:5 – May the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God

1 John 2:5 – whoever keeps His word, in him the love of God has truly been perfected

1 John 4:9 – by this the love of God was manifested in us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world so that we might live through Him

Jude 21 – keep yourselves in the love God

**Loving God who loves you!**

Matt. 22: 37 – 38 – You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and foremost commandment.

1. Hate & run from all that is evil – Ps. 119:113
2. Fear the Lord – Hos. 3:5
3. Obey God’s word – 1 John 2:5, 5:3
4. Surrender to God – 2 Cor. 5:14 -15
5. Trust God in all circumstances – 6:26
6. Rejoice in love visits with God – Rom. 5:5, Zeph. 3:17
7. Accept everything as God’s love for you – Rom. 8:28. Heb. 12:6