

THE GOD WHO NEVER STOPS LOVING  
(Hosea 1-3)

Hosea's Simple Message: Idolatry leads to sin and ends in tragedy

- Unless we repent, judgment is required by love
- The cure for idolatry is the personal love of God

A Living Parable of Unquenchable Love: The Loving Husband - Hosea 1-3

- The man who never stops loving
  - ...even though his wife becomes a prostitute - 1:2; 2:2,5
  - ...even though he has to buy back what is rightfully his - 3:1-5
- The God who never stops loving
  - ...even though His people commit spiritual adultery - 1:2
  - ...even though He has to redeem what is rightfully His - I Pet 1:18,19
- God does what He does because He is who He is - Hosea 11:9
  - ...His name and nature is love - I Jo 4:8

The Personal Love of God:

- A PURSUING LOVE: A Holy Passion for Oneness
  - ...He pursues us while we are ignorant of Him - 2:8; 4:6,14
  - ...He pursues us while we are ignoring Him - 4:12; 7:11
  - ...He allures us so we may return to Him - 2:8; 12:6
- A JEALOUS LOVE: Not of us, but for us
  - ...Hedges and walls are often blessing in disguise - 2:6-7
  - ...He disciplines us so we may return to Him - 2:7,15
- A REDEMPITIVE LOVE: Pays the price for our freedom - 3:1-2
  - ...With divine currency the price is paid so we may return to Him - 3:5
  - ...Unfaithfulness cannot stop His unquenchable love
- A GIVING LOVE: He is our needs met - 14:8
  - ...A forever oneness with Himself - 2:19-20
  - ...A new name - 2:1
  - ...So we may return to Him for our supply - 6:1-2

WHY WOULD YOU PAY FOR FINITE LOVERS (8:9) WHEN YOU CAN HAVE THIS INFINITE LOVE FOR FREE?