

Hosea 6:6 “Love, not Sacrifice”

I. Context (*Hos 6:1-7:2*)

a. In the Book of the Twelve

- i. Hosea is the _____ of the 12 minor prophets
- ii. His book sets the _____
- iii. Hosea’s name means _____
- iv. The book is about _____

Hosea 6:1-3 *“Come, let us return to the LORD;
for he has torn us, that he may heal us;
he has struck us down, and he will bind us up.
After two days he will revive us;
on the third day he will raise us up,
that we may live before him.”*

b. In Matthew

- i. “_____ and _____ what this means, ‘I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.’”
- ii. Hosea was talking about loving _____ as being more important than _____.
- iii. Jesus is talking about loving _____ as being more important than _____.

Hosea 6:6 *For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice,
the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.*

II. Definitions

- a. **Sacrifice** is an outward expression of an _____.
- b. **Mercy/Steadfast Love** (hesed) is a _____.
- c. **Acknowledgment** (yada) implies a _____.

Isaiah 1:11 *“What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the LORD;
I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of well-fed beasts;
I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of goats.*

III. Application

- a. *Hesed* requires that we seek meaningful _____ with those who *don't* know Jesus.
- b. *Hesed* requires that we seek meaningful _____ with those who *do* know Jesus.
- c. Love does not equal _____ and/or _____.
- d. Love is a _____ word.

I Cor. 13:1-3

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

LOVE is the Meta-Rule

Everything else is Just Details