

Assignments on Hosea 6

Read Hosea 6, then answer the following questions.

1. What are people urged to do in 6:1,2, and what reason is given?
2. List other **passages** about the need for God's people to repent of their sins.
3. Explain the various symbols used in verses 1,2 to describe the benefits of repentance. (Think: Consider whether the repentance described here is sincere as in 5:15 or simply an external front as in 6:4ff.)
4. What must people in sin pursue according to 6:3? Why is this needed?
5. Explain the illustrations from nature in verse 3.
6. How did God describe the people's faithfulness in 6:4? Explain the significance.

7. **Application:** Give examples of similar problems that may occur today.

8. What had God done to try to deal with the people's problem – 6:5?

9. Explain the illustrations in verse 5.

10. **Application:** What should we learn here about the need for teaching God's word.

11. What did God consider to be more important than sacrifice or burnt offering – 6:6?
12. List other similar **passages** that teach similar concepts.

13. **Special Assignment:** Did God not want sacrifices in the Old Testament? Explain the meaning of verse 6 and the application then and now.

14. **Case Study:** Some people believe that mercy means we should just overlook other people's sins even if they do not really repent. List other pertinent **passages** and give a Biblical answer to this viewpoint.

15. What had the people done like men often do – 6:7?

16. **Application:** What lessons can we learn about the New Testament?

17. What accusation was made in 6:8, and against whom was it made (see a **map**)? (Think: Consider the violence in Israel described in 2 Kings 15-18.)
18. How did God describe the priests in 6:9? (Think: Note that Shechem was a city of refuge. What can we learn from this about the sins of the priests?)
19. What did God see when he viewed Israel – 6:10? How does this relate to the relationship of Hosea and Gomer?
20. So what warning did God give to Judah – 6:11? Explain the meaning.