

# HOSEA



## 2. The Charge Sheet Hosea 4-6.

## The Charge – Hosea 4: 1

“There is no faithfulness,  
no love,  
no knowledge of God  
in the land”



## Love : “*chesed*”

- Everlasting love
- Unfailing kindness
- Mercy
  
- God’s covenant love for us

## Knowledge of God: “*daath*”

- Occasionally = “acknowledgement”
- Usually = “knowledge”

## 3 levels

1. **God’s relationship with his people**
2. **Israel’s heart failure in relation to God**
3. **The way people relate to one another**

Our response to God shapes  
the rest of our lives

## Charge number 3 : no knowledge of God

- Religion gone wrong
  - Priests lost the plot
  - Bethel (“House of God”) has become in reality “Beth Aven” (House of Evil)
- God’s word is ignored – verse 6
- Other gods are worshipped –verse 7
- Corruption takes over – verse 8

## Charge number 2 : Rejection of covenant love

- Cursing
- Lying
- Murder
- Stealing
- Bloodshed
- Shameful crimes
- Robbery

## Charge number 1 : breaking of faith

- Spiritual prostitution  
: other gods
- Physical prostitution  
: the “sacred brothels” of Baal worship
- Loss of control – sexual immorality, promise-breaking, binge drinking



## Parallels with today?

- Society without the “shackles” of God
- All religions lead to God (if he exists!)
- Casual sex, binge drinking
- Greed, people “on the make”
- Moral relativism

## The road back home.....

1. Come back to God
  - The waiting Father
  - The welcoming husband



## The road back home.....

1. Come back to God
2. Invest in the relationship
  - “press on to KNOW”
  - “yada” = know
  - E.g. Adam “knew” (= yada) Eve!



## The road back home.....

1. Come back to God
2. Invest in the relationship
3. Embrace the values that go with knowing God.



## Hosea 6: 6

- Mercy (“chesed”) not sacrifice
- Knowing God not burnt offerings

The life  
we grow  
depends  
on the  
roots we  
put down

