

## Hosea 1:2-10

### *Hosea's marriage*

1:2When the LORD first spoke through Hosea, the LORD said to Hosea, "Go, take for yourself a wife of prostitution and have children of prostitution, for the land commits great prostitution by forsaking the LORD."

1:3So he went and took Gomer daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived and bore him a son.

1:4And the LORD said to him, "Name him Jezreel, for in a little while I will punish the house of Jehu for the blood of Jezreel, and I will put an end to the kingdom of the house of Israel.

1:5On that day I will break the bow of Israel in the Valley of Jezreel."

1:6She conceived again and bore a daughter. Then the LORD said to him, "Name her Lo-ruhamah, for I will no longer have pity on the house of Israel or forgive them.

1:7But I will have pity on the house of Judah, and I will save them by the LORD their God; I will not save them by bow or by sword or by war or by horses or by horsemen."

1:8When she had weaned Lo-ruhamah, she conceived and bore a son.

1:9Then the LORD said, "Name him Lo-ammi, for you are not my people, and I am not your God."

1:10Yet the number of the people of Israel shall be like the sand of the sea, which can be neither measured nor numbered, and in the place where it was said to them, "You are not my people," it shall be said to them, "Children of the living God."

## Psalms 85

### *Righteousness and peace*

85:1 LORD, you were favorable to your land; you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

85:2 You forgave the iniquity of your people; you pardoned all their sin. Selah

85:3 You withdrew all your wrath; you turned from your hot anger.

85:4 Restore us again, O God of our salvation, and put away your indignation toward us.

85:5 Will you be angry with us forever? Will you prolong your anger to all generations?

85:6 Will you not revive us again, so that your people may rejoice in you?

85:7 Show us your steadfast love, O LORD, and grant us your salvation.

85:8 Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.

85:9 Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.

85:10 Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

85:11 Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky.

85:12 The LORD will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.

85:13 Righteousness will go before him and will make a path for his steps.

## Colossians 2:6-15, (16-19)

### *Buried with Christ in baptism*

2:6As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to walk in him,

2:7rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

2:8Watch out that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental principles of the world, and not according to Christ.

2:9For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily,

2:10and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority.

2:11In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by the removal of the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ;

2:12when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead.

2:13And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses,

2:14erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross.

2:15He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

2:16Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food or drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or Sabbaths.

2:17These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the body belongs to Christ.

2:18 Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, initiatory visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking,

2:19 and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and tendons, grows with a growth that is from God.

## Luke 11:1-13

### *Jesus teaches prayer*

11:1 He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples."

11:2 so he said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, may your name be revered as holy. May your kingdom come.

11:3 Give us each day our daily bread.

11:4 And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial."

11:5 And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread,

11:6 for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.'

11:7 And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.'

11:8 I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything out of friendship, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

11:9 "So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you.

11:10 For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.

11:11 Is there anyone among you who, if your child asked for a fish, would give a snake instead of a fish?

11:12 Or if the child asked for an egg, would give a scorpion?

11:13 If you, then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"