

Chapters 5, 6

God's message through Hosea:

What am I to do with you, Ephraim?

What am I to do with you, Judah?

Your love is like a morning cloud,
like dew that quickly disappears.

What I want is love,
not the sacrifice of animals in the Temple.
What I want is knowledge of God,
not burnt offerings in the Temple.

Lord, please help us to love you as we should

Chapters 7 – 14

God's message through Hosea:

Israel has forgotten its Maker.

The people worship idols made by human hands.

It is time to seek the Lord.

It is time to sow integrity and reap kindness.

Israel, come back to the Lord your God.

Have no more to do with idols made by human hands.

Lord, please help us lead good lives,
and thereby follow you