

## “Right In The ‘Kisser”

Hosea 13: 15 - 16

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### God Has Justly Declared That The Rebellion Of False “Kissings” Will Lead Only To Death, (vs. 1 - 16)

- Grotuesqueness Of “Calf Kissings,” Entitlement Of “Divine Kissings” Insistence On “Royal Kissings” Familiarity Of “Comfort Kissings”
- The Acceptance Of “Community Kissings” May Be Pursued But It Only Leads To Punishment, (vs. 15 - 16)
  1. Community misleads many into a false sense of security, (vs. 15a)
    - Community thinking leads me to gauge myself by others instead of on God, (vs. 15a.1); *“The name of the second he called Ephraim, “For God has made me fruitful in the land of my affliction.” ” (Genesis 41:52)*
    - Community thinking will be confronted by those outside the community, (vs. 15a.2); *“When the sun rose, God appointed a scorching east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint. And he asked that he might die and said, “It is better for me to die than to live.” (Jonah 4:8)*
  2. Community when judged will wither before the wrath of God on rebellion, (vs. 15b)
    - Community is not a lasting source of life, (vs. 15b.1); *“It had been **PLANTED** on good soil by abundant waters, that it might produce branches and bear fruit and become a noble vine. “Say, Thus SAYS the Lord GOD: Will it **THRIVE**? Will he not **PULL** up its roots and **CUT** off its fruit, so that it **WITHERS**, so that all its fresh sprouting leaves **WITHER**? It will not take a strong arm or many people to pull it from its roots. Behold, it is **PLANTED**; will it **THRIVE**? Will it not utterly **WITHER** when the east wind strikes it—**WITHER** away on the bed where it sprouted?” (Ezekiel 17:8-10)*
    - Community is not an appropriate moderator of morality, (vs. 15b.2)
      - “Spring” source of comfort, ease or convenience - by extension, what is viewed as right.
      - *“May his posterity be cut off; may his name be blotted out in the second generation! May the iniquity of his fathers be remembered before the LORD, and let not the sin of his mother be blotted out! Let them be before the LORD continually, that he may cut off the memory of them from the earth! ” (Psalm 109:13-15)*
    - Community is not a security to value or protect what is precious, (vs. 15b.3)
  3. Community embraces standards that appear to be righteous but are only rebellious, (vs. 16a)
    - Community standards founded outside of God’s decrees will bring consequences, (vs. 16a.1); *“Then they sweep by like the wind and go on, guilty men, whose own might is their god!” (Habakkuk 1:11)*
    - Community standards exalted is idolatry, (vs. 16a.2); *“because they did not obey the voice of the LORD their God but transgressed his covenant, even all that Moses the servant of the LORD commanded. They neither listened nor obeyed. ” (2 Kings 18:12)*
  4. Community rejects the purity of God’s judgment as unduly harsh, (vs. 16b)
    - The defenders of community will fall by God’s pure judgment, (vs. 16b.1); *“Thus shall you speak to Hezekiah king of Judah: ‘Do not let your God in whom you trust deceive you by promising that Jerusalem will not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria. ” (2 Kings 19:10)*
    - The children of community will fall by God’s pure judgment, (vs. 16b.2); *“Even if they bring up children, I will bereave them till none is left. Woe to them when I depart from them! ” (Hosea 9:12)*
    - The future legacy of community will fall by God’s pure judgment, (vs. 16b.3); *““You will indeed hear but never understand, and you will indeed see but never perceive. For this people’s heart has grown dull, and with their ears they can barely hear, and their eyes they have closed, lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears and understand with their heart and turn, and I would heal them.’ ” (Matthew 13:14-15)*