

“Right In The ‘Kisser”

Hosea 13: 1 - 3

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

- *The Grotesqueness Of “Calf Kissings” May Be Popular But It Only Leads To Waste, (vs. 1 - 3)*
- *The Entitlement Of “Divine Kissings” May Be Fulfilling But It Only Leads To Apathy, (4 - 8)*
 1. God’s “kissings” are based on His sovereign nature & not our blessedness, (vs. 4 - 5)
 - God displayed His affections in the exodus, (vs. 4a); *“I am the Lord your God from the land of Egypt; I will again make you dwell in tents, as in the days of the appointed feast.” (Hosea 12:9)*
 - God required absolute faithfulness as an expression of genuine affection, (vs. 4b); *“I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. “You shall have no other gods before me.” (Exodus 20:2-3)*
 - God displayed His sovereign nature as a tangible proof of His affection, (vs. 4c - 5); *“I, I am the Lord, and besides me there is no savior. I declared and saved and proclaimed, when there was no strange god among you; and you are my witnesses,” declares the Lord, “and I am God. Also henceforth I am he; there is none who can deliver from my hand; I work, and who can turn it back?”” (Isaiah 43:11-13)*
 - a. God’s affection preserved Israel in the wilderness, (vs. 5a); *“It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the Lord set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, but it is because the Lord loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the Lord has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.” (Deuteronomy 7:7-8)*
 - b. God’s affection disciplined Israel in the wilderness, (vs. 5b); *“Know therefore that the Lord your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations, and repays to their face those who hate him, by destroying them. He will not be slack with one who hates him. He will repay him to his face.” (Deuteronomy 7:9-10)*
 2. God’s “kissings” are for His glory & not our entitlement which only leads to apathy, (vs. 6); *“Take care lest you forget the Lord your God by not keeping his commandments and his rules and his statutes, which I command you today, lest, when you have eaten and are full and have built good houses and live in them,” (Deuteronomy 8:11-12)*
 - God’s affections are given as a display of His ongoing goodness, (vs. 6a); *“For the Lord your God has blessed you in all the work of your hands. He knows your going through this great wilderness. These forty years the Lord your God has been with you. You have lacked nothing.” (Deuteronomy 2:7)*
 - Our expectation that God must provide is a display of our pride, (vs. 6b); *“Israel is a luxuriant vine that yields its fruit. The more his fruit increased, the more altars he built; as his country improved, he improved his pillars.” (Hosea 10:1)*
 - The resulting “Pride of Position” forsakes the glory of God’s gracious provision, (vs. 6c) *“But Jeshurun grew fat, and kicked; you grew fat, stout, and sleek; then he forsook God who made him and scoffed at the Rock of his salvation.” (Deuteronomy 32:15)*
 3. God’s “kissings” mislaid in expectation brings unexpected destruction, (vs. 7 - 8); *“Therefore a lion from the forest shall strike them down; a wolf from the desert shall devastate them. A leopard is watching their cities; everyone who goes out of them shall be torn in pieces, because their transgressions are many, their apostasies are great.” (Jeremiah 5:6)*
 - God’s punishment for mislaid affections will “lie in wait,” (vs. 7)
 - God’s punishment for mislaid affections will be for the “robbing” of His children, (vs. 8a)
 - God’s punishment for mislaid affections will complete destruction, (vs. 8b)

- The Insistence Of “Royal Kissings” May Be The Norm But It Only Leads To Self-reliance, (vs. 9 - 11)
- The Familiarity Of “Comfort Kissings” May Be Preferred But It Only Leads To Folly, (vs. 12 - 14)
- The Acceptance Of “Community Kissings” May Be Pursued But It Only Leads To Punishment, (vs. 15 - 16)