

"Forever Yours, Faithfully"

Hosea 12: 12 - 14

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God Has Sovereignly Decreed The Season Of Election; We Must Wait For That Season, (vs. 1 - 14)

- God Has Sovereignly Decreed Each Season Of Election; We Must Never Stop Calling Sinners To Repentance, (vs. 12 - 14)
 - God's providence extended to individuals is His mercy fulfilled, (vs. 12); *"though they were not yet BORN and had DONE nothing either good or bad – in order that God's purpose of election might continue, not because of works but because of him who CALLS – she was told, "The older will serve the younger." As it is WRITTEN, "Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated.""* (Romans 9:11-13)
 - God's providence in the midst of personal sin; *"Now Esau HATED Jacob because of the blessing with which his father HAD blessed him, and Esau SAID to himself, "The days of mourning for my father are APPROACHING; then I will kill my brother Jacob." But the words of Esau her older son were TOLD to Rebekah. So she SENT and CALLED Jacob her younger son and SAID to him, "Behold, your brother Esau COMFORTS himself about you by planning to kill you. Now therefore, my son, OBEY my voice. ARISE, FLEE to Laban my brother in Haran"* (Genesis 27:41-43)
 - God's providence on behalf of the elect; *"These twenty years I have been in your house. I SERVED you fourteen years for your two daughters, and six years for your flock, and you have CHANGED my wages ten times. If the God of my father, the God of Abraham and the Fear of Isaac, had not BEEN on my side, surely now you would have sent me away empty-handed. God SAW my affliction and the labor of my hands and REBUKED you last night."* (Genesis 31:41-42)
 - God's providence extended to certain groups is His faithfulness promised, (vs. 13); *"This Moses, whom they rejected, saying, 'Who made you a ruler and a judge?' – this man God sent as both ruler and redeemer by the hand of the angel who appeared to him in the bush. This man led them out, performing wonders and signs in Egypt and at the Red Sea and in the wilderness for forty years."* (Acts 7:35-36)
 - God's providence extended is not to be understood as entitlement, (vs. 14) *"And they burned their sons and their daughters as offerings and used divination and omens and sold themselves to do evil in the sight of the Lord, provoking him to anger. Therefore the Lord was very angry with Israel and removed them out of his sight. None was left but the tribe of Judah only."* (2 Kings 17:17-18)
 - Rejection of God's sovereignty under entitlement will not go unpunished, (vs. 14a)
 - ✦ The sovereignty of God will leave the "bloodguilt," (vs. 14b); *"And Samuel SAID to Saul, "I will not RETURN with you. For you have REJECTED the word of the Lord, and the Lord has REJECTED you from being king over Israel." As Samuel TURNED to go away, Saul SEIZED the skirt of his robe, and it TORE. And Samuel SAID to him, "The Lord has torn the kingdom of Israel from you this day and has GIVEN it to a neighbor of yours, who is better than you. And also the Glory of Israel will not LIE or have REGRET, for he is not a man, that he should have regret."* (1 Samuel 15:26-29)
 - ✦ The sovereignty of God will render judgment for rebellion, (vs. 14c); *"The Lord will bring you and your king whom you set over you to a nation that neither you nor your fathers have known. And there you shall serve other gods of wood and stone. And you shall become a horror, a proverb, and a byword among all the peoples where the Lord will lead you away."* (Deuteronomy 28:36-37)