

“Right In The ‘Kisser”

Hosea 13: 9 - 11

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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”
- The Insistence On “Royal Kissings” May Be The Norm But It Only Leads To Self-reliance, (vs. 9 - 11)
 1. “Humanistic” thinking rejects God’s sovereignty & abandons God’s help, (vs. 9); see also vs. 6;
 - Humanism drives us to be like everyone else; “...FEARED other gods and WALKED in the customs of the nations whom the LORD DROVE out before the people of Israel, and in the customs that the kings of Israel had PRACTICED.
 - Humanism leads us to shame & hiding our actions; *And the people of Israel DID secretly against the LORD their God things that were not right.*
 - Humanism creates insecurity that must be defended against; *They BUILT for themselves high places in all their towns, from WATCHTOWER to fortified city.*
 - Humanism approves of practices that seek the fulfillment of physical desire; *They SET UP for themselves pillars and Asherim on every high hill and under every green tree, and there they MADE offerings on all the high places,*
 - Humanism leads to the same place for everyone; *as the nations did whom the LORD CARRIED away before them.” (2 Kings 17:7-11)*
 2. “Humanistic” thinking produces a revolving door of ineffective leadership, (vs. 10);
 - Humanism appoints itself sovereign by committee; *“Then all the elders of Israel GATHERED together and CAME to Samuel at Ramah and SAID to him, “Behold, you are OLD and your sons do not WALK in your ways.*
 - Humanism demands its own way while rejecting any other authority; *Now APPOINT for us a king to judge us like all the nations.” But the thing DISPLEASED Samuel when they SAID, “GIVE us a king to judge us.”*
 - Humanism may be allowed by God but not indefinitely; *And Samuel PRAYED to the LORD. And the LORD SAID to Samuel, “OBEY the voice of the people in all that they SAY to you, for they have not REJECTED you, but they have REJECTED me from being king over them. According to all the deeds that they have DONE, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt even to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so they are also doing to you. Now then, OBEY their voice; only you shall solemnly warn them and SHOW them the ways of the king who shall REIGN over them.” (1 Samuel 8:4-9)*
 3. “Humanistic” thinking results in God’s judgment & furious wrath, (vs. 11)
 - Humanism refuses to listen to the warnings; *So Samuel told all the words of the LORD to the people who were asking for a king from him.*
 - Humanism is all consuming; *He said, “These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen and to run before his chariots. And he will appoint for himself commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties, and some to plow his ground and to reap his harvest, and to make his implements of war and the equipment of his chariots. He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive orchards and give them to his servants. He will take the tenth of your grain and of your vineyards and give it to his officers and to his servants. He will take your male servants and female servants and the best of your young men and your donkeys, and put them to his work. He will take the tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves. And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves, but the LORD will not answer you in that day.” (1 Samuel 8:10-18)*

- 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)