

“Take Your Words With You”

Hosea 14: 1 - 3

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God Has Openly Declared That Repentance Will Open The Door To Life, (vs. 1 - 9)

- Repentance Is An Intentional Rejection Of The Old Way Of Living, (vs. 1 - 3)
 - 1. God commands all to repent due to the corruption of their flesh, (vs. 1); *See Also, 6: 1-3*
 - Returning means God is Lord, (vs. 1a); *“Have nothing to do with foolish, ignorant controversies; you know that they breed quarrels. And the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but kind to everyone, able to teach, patiently enduring evil, correcting his opponents with gentleness. God may perhaps grant them repentance leading to a knowledge of the truth, and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, after being captured by him to do his will.” (2 Timothy 2:23-26)*
 - The need to return has resulted from our failure to submit to God as Lord, (vs. 1b); *“for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ” (Romans 3:23)*
 - 2. Repentance requires an intentional commitment to being changed, (vs. 2)
 - “Take your words with you,” know what you are saying, (vs. 2a)
 - “Return to the Lord,” know what you are doing, (vs. 2b)
 - a. Only God can remove iniquity, (vs. 2b.1); *“In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.” (Ephesians 1:7-10)*
 - b. Only God is good, (vs. 2b.2); *“And Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone. ” (Luke 18:19)*
 - c. Only God can bring about behavior in keeping with true heart change, (vs. 2b.3): *“Those who heard it said, “Then who can be saved?” But he said, “What is impossible with men is possible with God.” And Peter said, “See, we have left our homes and followed you.” And he said to them, “Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or wife or brothers or parents or children, for the sake of the kingdom of God, ” (Luke 18:26-29)*
 - 3. Being changed cannot revert to the former way of life, (vs. 3)
 - Human institutions cannot be seen as a source of salvation, (vs. 3a)
 - Human strength cannot be seen as a source of salvation, (vs. 3b)
 - Human systems of belief cannot be seen as a source of salvation, (vs. 3c)
 - Any human basis cannot be seen as a source of salvation, (vs. 3d)
- Repentance Restores The Wayward Into Full Relationship With The Sovereign God, (vs. 4 - 7)
- Repentance Is Not Simply A Confession But A Material Change Of Heart, (vs. 8 - 9)