

"I Am God"

Hosea 11: 1 - 11

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God Demonstrates His Sovereign Love For Those Who Are His, (vs. 1 - 11)

- God Demonstrates His Sovereign Love In Exercising His Merciful Patience, (vs. 1 - 4)
 - God's mercy & patience is based on His love, (vs. 1a); *"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," (Deuteronomy 7:7-8)*
 - 1. It is a love that has a specific purpose, (vs. 1b); *"Thus says the Lord, Israel is my firstborn son, and I say to you, "Let my son go that he may serve me." (Exodus 4:22-23)*
 - 2. It is a love that overlooks transgression, (vs. 2a); *"The Lord, the God of their fathers, sent persistently to them by his messengers, because he had compassion on his people and on his dwelling place. But they kept mocking the messengers of God, despising his words and scoffing at his prophets, until the wrath of the Lord rose against his people, until there was no remedy." (2 Chronicles 36:15-16)*
 - 3. It is a love that overlooks rejection, (vs. 2b); *2 Samuel 8: 7 - 9*
 - 4. It is a love that works actively to correct, (vs. 3a)
 - *"I tied the feet together," (LXX); "and in the wilderness, where you have seen how the Lord your God carried you, as a man carries his son, all the way that you went until you came to this place." (Deuteronomy 1:31)*
 - 5. It is a love that quickly seeks to heal without acknowledgment, (vs. 3b); *"If you will diligently listen to the voice of the Lord your God, and do that which is right in his eyes, and give ear to his commandments and keep all his statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you that I put on the Egyptians, for I am the Lord, your healer." (Exodus 15:26)*
 - 6. It is a love that restrains for the ultimate good, (vs. 4a); *"I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son. When he commits iniquity, I will discipline him with the rod of men, with the stripes of the sons of men," (2 Samuel 7:14)*
 - 7. It is a love that shows favor, (vs. 4b); *"You gave them bread from heaven for their hunger and brought water for them out of the rock for their thirst, and you told them to go in to possess the land that you had sworn to give them." (Nehemiah 9:15)*
- God Demonstrates His Sovereign Love In Disciplining Wanton Rebellion, (vs. 5 - 7)
- God Demonstrates His Sovereign Love In Bestowing Unmerited Grace, (vs. 8 - 9)
- God Demonstrates His Sovereign Love In Restoring Genuine Humility, (vs. 10 - 11)