

"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 Demonstrates His Sovereign Love In Disciplining Wanton Rebellion, (vs. 5 – 7)*
- God Demonstrates His Sovereign Love In Bestowing Unmerited Grace, (vs. 8 – 9)
 - *God's sovereignty requires righteous judgment for rebellion, (vs. 8a-d); "Then the Lord rained on Sodom and Gomorrah sulfur and fire from the Lord out of heaven. And he overthrew those cities, and all the valley, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and what grew on the ground." (Genesis 19:24-25)*
 - *"if by turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah to ashes he condemned them to extinction, making them an example of what is going to happen to the ungodly;" (2 Peter 2:6)*
 - *God's love motivates Him to relent from His fierce anger, (vs. 8e); "For the Lord will vindicate his people and have compassion on his servants, when he sees that their power is gone and there is none remaining, bond or free." (Deuteronomy 32:36)*
 - *"For we know him who said, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay." And again, "The Lord will judge his people." It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.
But recall the former days when, after you were enlightened, you endured a hard struggle with sufferings, sometimes being publicly exposed to reproach and affliction, and sometimes being partners with those so treated. For you had compassion on those in prison, and you joyfully accepted the plundering of your property, since you knew that you yourselves had a better possession and an abiding one.
Therefore do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward. For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God you may receive what is promised." (Hebrews 10:30-36)*
 - *God's mercy stays His rightful condemnation of transgression, (vs. 9a); "Yet he, being compassionate, atoned for their iniquity and did not destroy them; he restrained his anger often and did not stir up all his wrath." (Psalm 78:38)*
 - *"Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people." (Hebrews 2:17)*
 - *God's grace is evident in His pouring out wrath upon Himself, (vs. 9b); "I will make a covenant of peace with them. It shall be an everlasting covenant with them. And I will set them in their land and multiply them, and will set my sanctuary in their midst forevermore. My dwelling place shall be with them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Then the nations will know that I am the Lord who sanctifies Israel, when my sanctuary is in their midst forevermore.'" (Ezekiel 37:26-28)*
 - *"She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.'" (Matthew 1:21)*
 - *"God, having raised up his servant, sent him to you first, to bless you by turning every one of you from your wickedness.'" (Acts 3:26)*
- God Demonstrates His Sovereign Love In Restoring Genuine Humility, (vs. 10 – 11)