

## “Right In The ‘Kisser”

Hosea 13: 1 - 3

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### God Has Justly Declared That The Rebellion Of False “Kissings” Will Lead Only To Death, (vs. 1 - 16)

- The Grotesqueness Of “Calf Kissings” May Be Popular But It Only Leads To Waste, (vs. 1 - 3)
  - The enticement “Calf Kissing” defiles the purity of God and results in an epidemic of disease, (vs. 1)
    - Prosperity apart from sovereignty leads to wanton excess, (vs. 1a); *"And Samuel said, 'Though you are little in your own eyes, are you not the head of the tribes of Israel? The Lord anointed you king over Israel. And the Lord sent you on a mission and said, 'Go, devote to destruction the sinners, the Amalekites, and fight against them until they are consumed.' Why then did you not obey the voice of the Lord? Why did you pounce on the spoil and do what was evil in the sight of the Lord?' And Saul said to Samuel, 'I have obeyed the voice of the Lord. I have gone on the mission on which the Lord sent me. I have brought Agag the king of Amalek, and I have devoted the Amalekites to destruction.'" (1 Samuel 15:17-20)*
    - Worship apart from sovereignty leads to idolatry, (vs. 1b); *"And Ahab the son of Omri did evil in the sight of the Lord, more than all who were before him. And as if it had been a light thing for him to walk in the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, he took for his wife Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal king of the Sidonians, and went and served Baal and worshiped him. He erected an altar for Baal in the house of Baal, which he built in Samaria. And Ahab made an Asherah. Ahab did more to provoke the Lord, the God of Israel, to anger than all the kings of Israel who were before him." (1 Kings 16:30-33)*
    - Affections apart from sovereignty leads to death, (vs. 1c); *"For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died;" (2 Corinthians 5:14)*
  - The perversion of “Calf Kissing” deceives those already infected to ingest more poison, (vs. 2); *"Why will you still be struck down? Why will you continue to rebel? The whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint. From the sole of the foot even to the head, there is no soundness in it, but bruises and sores and raw wounds; they are not pressed out or bound up or softened with oil." (Isaiah 1:5-6)*
    - “Free-fall” is unconstrained and open to whatever I desire, (vs. 2a)
      1. In free-fall I get to choose what my god is, (vs. 2b); *"And the man Micah had a shrine, and he made an ephod and household gods, and ordained one of his sons, who became his priest. In those days there was no king in Israel. Everyone did what was right in his own eyes." (Judges 17:5-6)*
      2. In free-fall I get to use all my skill & resources at my discretion, (vs. 2c); *"And she did not know that it was I who gave her the grain, the wine, and the oil, and who lavished on her silver and gold, which they used for Baal." (Hosea 2:8)*
      3. In free-fall I get to bask in all the accolades for my efforts, (vs. 2d)
  - The popularity of “Calf Kissing” is sweet but in the end it wastes all God has given, (vs. 2e - 3); *"What shall I do with you, O Ephraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah? Your love is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes early away." (Hosea 6:4)*

- The Entitlement Of “Divine Kissings” May Be Fulfilling But It Only Leads To Apathy, (4 - 8)
- The Insistence Of “Royal Kissings” May Be The Norm But It Only Leads To Self-reliance, (vs. 9 - 11)
- 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)