

Chapter 6

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- (1) Come, and let us return to the LORD {Jehovah}: because He has torn, and He will heal us; He has stricken, and He will bind us up.
- (2) After two days He will revive us: in the third day he will raise us up, and we will live in His sight.
- (3) Then we will know, *if* we continue to know the LORD {Jehovah}: His going forth is prepared as the morning; and He will come to us as the rain, as the latter *and* former rain to the earth.
- (4) O Ephraim, what shall I do to you? O Judah, what shall I do to you? because your goodness *is* as a morning cloud, and as the early dew it goes away.
- (5) Therefore I have cut *them* down by the prophets; I have killed them by the words of My mouth: and your judgments *are as* the light *that* goes forth.
- (6) Because I desired mercy, and not sacrifice;^a and the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings.
- (7) But they like men have sinned against the covenant: there they have dealt treacherously against Me.
- (8) Gilead *is* a city of those who do evil, *and is* polluted with blood.

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6:6a – mercy – Mat. 5:7; Mat. 9:13; Mat. 12:7

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- (9) *And as* troops of robbers wait for a man, *so* the company of priests murder in the way by consent: because they commit shameful acts.
- (10) I have seen a horrible thing in the house of Israel: there *is* the prostitution of Ephraim, Israel is defiled.
- (11) Also, O Judah, he has set a harvest for you, when I returned the captivity of My people.

Chapter 7

(1) When I would have healed Israel, then the evil of Ephraim was uncovered, and the wickedness of Samaria: because they commit falsehood; and the thief comes inside, *and* the troop of robbers spoils outside.

(2) And they do not consider in their hearts *that* I remember all their wickedness: now their own deeds have come upon them; they are before My face.

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(3) They make the king glad with their wickedness, and the princes with their lies.

(4) They *are* all adulterers, as an oven heated by the baker, *who* ceases from raising after he has kneaded the dough, until it is leavened.

(5) In the day of our king the princes have made *him* sick with bottles of wine; he stretched out his hand with scorners.