God's Love Stirred Toward Sinners

Part 2

God revealed what was in His fatherly heart when He disciplined His wayward sons.

Outline of Hosea

Divine Faithfulness repaid with unfaithfulness (1-3)

Divine Justice rebukes sin (4-7)

Divine Righteousness punishes sin (8-10)

Divine Love stirred toward sinners (11:1-11)

Divine Love rejected by sinners (11:12-13:16)

Divine Mercy restores sinners (14)

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These verses are like a window into the heart of God. They show that his love for his people is a love that will never let them go.

(Leon Wood, *Expositor's Bible Commentary*, 7:214)

Admah and Zeboiim are "places that have been utterly, irrevocably destroyed for their persistent apostasy. Not even their rubble remains, only their memory."

(David Allan Hubbard, Hosea, p. 204)

The burning heat of God's holiness can be the zeal of a consuming fire in judgment upon sinners AND the fervent desire to comfort His people.

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