

SERIES: "MEET THE GOD WHO LOVES YOU"

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**# SIX: "WHEN LOVE MUST BE CONFRONTATIONAL"**

HOSEA 4:1-19

**INTRODUCTION**

THE BOOK OF PROVERBS FREQUENTLY CONNECTS LOVE WITH CORRECTION:

- [PROVERBS 3:12] *"FOR WHOM THE LORD LOVETH, HE CORRECTETH."*
- [PROVERBS 9:8] *"REBUKE A WISE MAN, AND HE WILL LOVE THEE."*
- [PROVERBS 13:24] *"HE THAT SPARETH THE ROD HATETH HIS SON: BUT HE THAT LOVETH HIM CHASTENETH HIM BETIMES."*
- [PROVERBS 27:5] *"OPEN REBUKE IS BETTER THAN SECRET LOVE."*

THESE VERSES REMINDS US THAT TRUE LOVE CARES ENOUGH TO CONFRONT.

TRUE LOVE SEEKS TO MAKE US FACE OUR SHORTCOMINGS AND DEALS WITH OUR SINS.

TRUE LOVE EXPRESSES DISAPPROVAL OF INAPPROPRIATE ACTIONS OR ATTITUDES.

TRUE LOVE TAKES STEPS OF CORRECTION TO FORCE US TO DEAL WITH PROBLEM AREAS IN OUR LIVES.

FOR EXAMPLE, WHEN THERE IS AN ALCOHOLIC MEMBER IN OUR FAMILY, IT IS COMMON FOR OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS TO COVER UP THE PROBLEM.

**THEY WILL NOT DISCUSS IT OPENLY; THEY TIPTOE AROUND IT, REFERRING TO IT EUPHEMISTICALLY AS “YOUR FATHER’S PROBLEM.”**

**WHEN THE ALCOHOLIC IS HUNG OVER AND UNABLE TO GO TO WORK, SOMEONE IN THE FAMILY WILL CALL THE PERSON’S JOB AND REPORT THEM SICK.**

**THESE ACTIONS ARE OFTEN MOTIVATED BY A FALSE CONCEPT OF LOVE.**

**TRUE LOVE DOESN’T COVER UP; IT CONFRONTS; TRUE LOVE LOVINGLY REFUSES TO HIDE THE PROBLEM.**

**TRUE LOVE HOLDS THE PERSON ACCOUNTABLE FOR THEIR ACTIONS AND ISSUE ULTIMATUMS, AND CARRIES THEM OUT.**

**THAT WILL FORCE THE PERSON TO DEAL WITH THEIR SINS AND FAULTS.**

**GOD DOES THE SAME THING WITH HIS PEOPLE.**

**ALTHOUGH IT IS TRUE THAT GOD LOVES US AS WE ARE, HE IS NOT CONTENT TO LEAVE US THAT WAY.**

**GOD DESIRES TO FREE US FROM OUR SINS AND BRING US TO MATURITY.**

**OUT OF LOVE AND A DESIRE TO FOR US TO EXPERIENCE HIS BEST, GOD WILL CONFRONT SIN IN WHATEVER FORM HE FINDS IT.**

**GENERALLY, HE BEGINS WITH CONVICTION WHICH IS THE INNER VOICE OF CONDEMNATION.**

**IF WE RESIST, HE INITIATES STEPS OF CORRECTION WHICH IS THE SOMETIMES TRAUMATIC EXPERIENCE OF JUDGMENT.**

**THE ONE THING HIS LOVE WILL NOT ALLOW HIM TO DO IS TO IGNORE THE DESTRUCTIVE FORCES OF SIN AT WORK IN OUR LIVES.**

**(I). IN [VERSES 1-5], WE SEE GOD’S CONTROVERSY WITH THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL.**

- (A). IN [VERSES 1-2], WE SEE THE CAUSES OF GOD’S CONTROVERSY WITH THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL.
- (1). GOD’S CONTROVERSY WITH THE PEOPLE WAS CAUSED BY MAN’S ABSENCE OF INTEGRITY. “THERE IS NO TRUTH, NOR MERCY, NOR KNOWLEDGE OF GOD IN THE LAND.”
- (a). “NO TRUTH”. THE NATION HAD ABANDONED THE MORAL ABSOLUTES OF GOD’S WORD.
- (b). “NO MERCY”. SOCIETY HAD ADOPTED A “DOG EAT DOG” ATTITUDE OF SELF-PRESERVATION. INJUSTICE AND INEQUITIES WERE IGNORED AS THE NATION ECHOED THE WORDS OF CAIN, “AM I MY BROTHER’S KEEPER?”
- (c). “NO KNOWLEDGE OF GOD”. COMPLETE SPIRITUAL BANKRUPTCY.
- THEY WEREN’T ATHEISTS, NOR WERE THEY UNINFORMED ABOUT THE EXISTENCE OF GOD;
  - THEY HAD NO PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH THE LORD.
  - A PERSONAL, SPIRITUAL RELATIONSHIP TO GOD HAD BECOME UNIMPORTANT TO THEM, AND THEIR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD HAD BEEN REPLACED BY IDOLS AND FALSE RELIGIOUS WORSHIP.

- (2). **GOD’S CONTROVERSY WITH THE PEOPLE WAS CAUSED BY AN OUTBREAK OF IMMORALITY.**
- (a). **THEY BECAME A VILE PEOPLE, SWEARING, LYING, MURDERERS, THIEVES AND ADULTERY WERE COMMON SINS.**
- (b). **THEY BECAME A VIOLENT PEOPLE. “BLOOD TOUCHES BLOOD” IN [VERSE 2], IMPLIES ONE VIOLENT DEATH AFTER ANOTHER.**

### **PRACTICAL APPLICATION**

**WHEN A GODLY SOCIETY TURNS AWAY FROM BIBLICAL TRUTH, THEY SOON BECOME A SELFISH PEOPLE.**

- **GOD IS FIRST IGNORED, THEN FORGOTTEN;**
- **THIS LEADS TO A DECREASE IN PUBLIC MORALITY AND INCREASE IN VIOLENT CRIME;**
- **IT IS THIS KIND OF SOCIETY THAT RESULTS IN ABORTION, DRIVE BY SHOOTINGS, RAMPANT CHILD ABUSE, ROAD RAGE, CHILDREN KILLING CHILDREN, PARENTS KILLING THEIR OWN SONS AND DAUGHTERS, AND ALL OF THE OTHER HORRIBLE ACTS OF VIOLENCE THAT HAVE BECOME SO MUCH A PART OF OUR OWN SOCIETY.**

- (B). **IN [VERSES 3-5], WE SEE THE CONSEQUENCES OF GOD’S CONTROVERSY WITH THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL.**
- (1). **THE FIRST CONSEQUENCES OF GOD’S CONTROVERSY WITH THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL WAS THAT CREATION SUFFERS.** )).
- (a). **THE FALL OF MAN INVOLVED ALL OF CREATION.**
- (b). **THUS WHEN SIN RUNS RAMPANT, EVEN THE LAND “MOURNS” AND**

**“GROANS” UNDER THE WEIGHT OF SIN. “FOR WE KNOW THAT THE WHOLE CREATION GROANETH AND TRAVAILETH IN PAIN TOGETHER UNTIL NOW” [ROMANS 8:22].**

- (c). **BECAUSE OF SIN, THE EARTH IS RAVISHED BY WAR, SCORCHED BY DRAUGHT, DEVoured BY FAMINE, AND DESTROYED BY THE SELFISH, RUTHLESS WORKS OF MAN. [V.3]**
- (2). **THE SECOND CONSEQUENCE OF GOD’S CONTROVERSY WITH THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL WAS THAT THEIR CONSCIENCE IS SEARED. [V.4].**
- (a). **THE PRIEST WERE THE REPRESENTATIVES BETWEEN GOD AND MAN, AND TO STRIVE WITH THE PRIEST WAS THE SAME AS ARGUING WITH GOD.**
  - (b). **THE PERSON WHO WOULD STRIVE WITH THE PRIEST WAS BEYOND REPROOF.**
  - (c). **THAT PERSON’S CONSCIENCE WAS SEARED AND HE WAS BEYOND HOPE. [DEUT. 17:12]**
- (3). **THE THIRD CONSEQUENCE OF GOD’S CONTROVERSY WITH THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL WAS THAT CASUALTIES WERE SUFFERED INDISCRIMINATELY. [V.5]**
- (a). **NO ONE WOULD BE SPARED, BOTH THE COMMON MAN AND THE FALSE PROPHETS WHO LED THEM ASTRAY WOULD FALL IN GOD’S COMING JUDGMENT OF SINS.**

- (b). NO TIME WOULD BE SAFE. DAY AND NIGHT, THEY WOULD BE OVERTAKEN IN THEIR SINS.
- (c). IDOLATRY AND ITS RELATED SINS HAD BECOME SO WIDESPREAD THAT GOD WOULD DESTROY THE WHOLE NATION.

### PRACTICAL APPLICATION

**SIN IS LIKE A CANCER THAT INVADES EVERY PART OF OUR LIVES. LEAVING A PATH OF SORROW AND DESTRUCTION. THAT IS WHY TRUE LOVE MUST CONFRONT SIN**

**SUPPOSE YOU WENT TO THE DOCTOR WITH A CHRONIC PAIN; WOULD YOU WANT THE DOCTOR TO TELL YOU WHAT IS WRONG WITH YOU AND TREAT THE PROBLEM, OR WOULD YOU WANT HIM TO JUST GIVE YOU SOMETHING FOR THE PAIN?**

**WOULD YOU WANT TO BE COMFORTED OR CURED?**

**(II). IN [VERSES 6-14], WE SEE GOD'S CONTROVERSY WITH THE PRIEST OF ISRAEL.**

- (A). IN [VERSES 6-10], WE SEE HOW THEY MISUSED THE PRIESTHOOD.
  - (1). IN [VERSE 6], THEY WITHHELD THE TRUTH THE PEOPLE NEEDED.
    - (a). SPIRITUAL LEADERS HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO UPHOLD TRUTH, TO LOVE TRUTH, TO LIVE TRUTH, AND TO LEAD BY TRUTH.
    - (b). WHETHER THE PRIESTS AND THE PREACHERS REJECT THE TRUTH OR NEGLECT THE TRUTH, THE RESULT IS THE SAME, THEY BECOME BLIND LEADERS OF THE BLIND, AND BOTH ARE DESTROYED;

- **THEY ARE DESTROYED BY THEIR IGNORANCE, AND BY THE JUDGMENT OF GOD.**
- (2). **IN [VERSES 7-8], THEY USED THEIR OFFICE FOR PERSONAL GAIN.**
- (a). **THE WORD “INCREASED” CAN REFER TO EITHER MATERIAL PROSPERITY OR NUMERICAL INCREASE.**
- (b). **BECAUSE OF THE REFERENCE TO THE *GLORY* OF THE PRIESTHOOD, I BELIEVE GOD WAS REFERRING TO THE PRIESTS *PROFITING* FROM THEIR TRADE.**

### **PRACTICAL ILLUSTRATION**

**AT THE TIME HOSEA PROPHESED, THE PRIESTHOOD WAS A LUCRATIVE BUSINESS.**

**THE PRIEST HEADED UP A SYSTEM THAT INCLUDED ALL FORMS OF *IMMORALITY, PROMISCUITY, AND DRUNKENNESS*.**

**THE TEMPLES OF *IDOLATRY* OPERATED ON THE PRINCIPLE OF “MORE BANG FOR THE BUCK.”**

**THE MORE A PERSON WAS WILLING TO PAY, THE MORE THEIR CARNAL APPETITES WERE INDULGED.**

**HOSEA IMPLIES THAT THE MORE THE PRIESTS PROSPERED, THE MORE THEY SANCTIONED THE SINS OF THE “WORSHIPPERS,” THE MORE THEIR *POPULARITY* OR *GLORY* INCREASED.**

**THUS, [VERSE 8] DISCLOSES THE MOTIVATION OF THE PRIESTS, “*THEY ATE UP THE SIN OF MY PEOPLE AND THEY (THE PRIESTS) SET THEIR HEARTS ON THEIR (THE PEOPLE’S) INIQUITY*.”**

**RATHER THAN CONFRONT SIN, THE PRIESTS ENCOURAGED IT AND DELIGHTED IN IT BECAUSE IT WAS MAKING THEM RICH.**

- (3). **THEIR LIVES BECAME AN EXCUSE FOR THE PEOPLE TO SIN. “*LIKE PEOPLE, LIKE PRIEST.*”**
- (a). **LEADERS ARE ROLE MODELS, AND PEOPLE ARE GOING TO PATTERN THEIR LIVES BY WHAT THEY SEE IN THE LIVES OF THEIR LEADERS.**
  - (b). **PAUL SAID IN [I TIMOTHY 4:12], “*LET NO MAN DESPISE THY YOUTH; BUT BE THOU AN EXAMPLE OF THE BELIEVERS, IN WORD, IN CONVERSATION, IN CHARITY, IN SPIRIT, IN FAITH, IN PURITY.*”**
  - (c). **SPIRITUAL LEADERS EITHER LIFT PEOPLE UP TO A HIGHER LEVEL, OR THEY DRAG THEM DOWN TO A LOWER LEVEL; BUT THEY NEVER LEAVE THEM AS THEY ARE.**
- (B). **IN [VERSES 11-14], WE SEE HOW THE PRIEST MISLED GOD’S PEOPLE.**
- (1). **WE SEE THE PREVALENCE OF IMMORALITY.**
    - (a). **THE REFERENCE TO “WHOREDOM” AND “ADULTERY” SHOULD BE TAKEN LITERALLY.**
      - **DRUNKENNESS AND IMMORALITY OFTEN ACCOMPANIED PAGAN WORSHIP.**
      - **WITH THE SANCTION OF THE PRIESTHOOD, DAUGHTERS WOULD COMMIT FORNICATION AND THE WIVES WOULD BE GUILTY OF ADULTERY AS PART OF THEIR IDOL “WORSHIP.”**

(b). **USING WINE AND WHOREDOME, THE PRIESTHOOD TRANSFERRED THE AFFECTION OF THE PEOPLE FROM GOD TO IDOLS.**

- **“WHOREDOME AND WINE AND NEW WINE TAKE AWAY THE HEART.”**

(2). **WE SEE THE PRACTICE OF IDOLATRY.**

(a). **HOSEA MENTIONS ELEMENTS OF PAGAN IDOLATRY:**

- **IN [VERSE 12] HE SAID, “*MY PEOPLE ASK COUNSEL AT THEIR STOCKS.*” MEANING, THEY WERE PRAYING TO IDOLS.**
- **IN [VERSE 12] HE ALSO SAID, “*AND THEIR STAFF DECLARETH UNTO THEM.*” WHICH MEANS THEY WERE ATTEMPTING TO FORESEE FUTURE EVENTS OR INTERPRET OMENS WITH SUPERNATURAL AID.**
- **THIS WOULD BE SIMILAR TO THE USE OF TAROT CARDS, AND READING PALMS OR TEA LEAVES.**
- **IN [VERSE 13] HE SAID; “*THAT THEY SACRIFICE UPON THE TOP OF THE MOUNTAIN, AND BURNED INCENSE UPON THE HILLS...*”;**

(b). **HOSEA TELLS US THAT THOSE WHO PRACTICE IDOLATRY “ERR” AND :DOTH NOT UNDERSTAND.”**

- **IDOLATRY IS FALSE WORSHIP THAT RESULTS IN SPIRITUAL BLINDNESS AND MORAL DECADENCE.**

(III). IN [VERSES 15-19], WE SEE GOD’S COUNSEL TO THE PEOPLE OF JUDAH.

### EXPOSING THE TEXT

THE CLOSING VERSES OF THIS CHAPTER ARE DIRECTED TO ISRAEL’S SISTER NATION TO THE SOUTH.

JUDAH IS INSTRUCTED IN HOW SHE SHOULD RESPOND TO ISRAEL’S SIN.

THESE VERSES ECHO THE WARNING FOUND IN [I CORINTHIANS 15:33]: “*BE NOT DECEIVED: EVIL COMMUNICATIONS CORRUPT GOOD MANNERS.*”

BUT LET ME ADD TO THAT AND SAY THAT, “BAD FRIENDSHIPS DESTROY GODLY CHARACTER.”

### PRACTICAL ILLUSTRATION

THESE VERSES ILLUSTRATE THAT THERE ARE TIMES WHEN WE SHOULD PRACTICE BIBLICAL SEPARATION.

SEPARATION IS COMMANDED OF GOD TO PROTECT US FROM THE HARMFUL INFLUENCES OF THE WORLD.

IT IS DESIGNED TO KEEP US FROM STUMBLING. HOSEA SAID IN [VERSE 15], “*LET NOT JUDAH BE OFFENDED.*”

LET US LOOK AT THE AREAS IN WHICH JUDAH IS TO PRACTICE HER SEPARATION:

- (A). IN [VERSE 15], HE TOLD THEM SOME PLACES TO BE AVOIDED: “*AND COME NOT YE UNTO GILGAL, NEITHER GO YE UP TO BETHAVEN.*”
  - (1). GOD NAMED TWO PLACES THAT WERE TO BE OFF LIMITS TO THE PEOPLE OF JUDAH; GILGAL AND BETHAVEN.

- (2). **IT IS OBVIOUS THAT WHAT WAS GOING ON AT THESE PLACES WAS EXCITING; OTHERWISE, THEY WOULD HOLD NO ATTRACTION FOR THE PEOPLE OF JUDAH.**
- (3). **BUT IT WAS ALSO DECEPTIVE; NOTICE, THAT JOINED TO THE COMMAND TO AVOID THESE ‘HOT SPOTS’ OF IDOLATRY IS ANOTHER COMMAND: “NOR SWEAR, THE LORD LIVETH.”**
- (4). **THIS IS WHAT MADE THESE PLACES SO DANGEROUS.**
- (5). **ALTHOUGH THE PEOPLE WERE ENGAGED IN SINFUL PRACTICES, THEY TESTIFIED OF THE LORD.**
- (6). **THEY CLAIMED THAT THEY WERE DOING IT “FOR GOD,” IMPLYING THAT HE APPROVED OF WHAT THEY WERE DOING.**
- (a). **ADDING THE NAME OF GOD OR CHRIST TO SOMETHING DOESN’T MAKE IT CHRISTIAN OR ACCEPTABLE;**
- (b). **JUST BECAUSE PEOPLE DECLARE AN ALLEGIANCE TO THE LORD DOESN’T MEAN GOD APPROVES OF WHAT THEY ARE DOING.**
- (7). **IN [VERSE 16], GOD COMPARES THE ISRAELITES TO A “BACKSLIDING HEIFER”**
- (a). **IT PICTURES A STUBBORN COW THAT RESISTS BEING LED.**
- (b). **IF YOU PULL ON ITS LEAD ROPE, IT STIFFENS ITS LEGS AND THROWS ITS WEIGHT BACKWARDS.**

- (c). **WHAT GOD IS TELLING US IS THAT THE IDOLATROUS PRACTICES OF BETHAVEN AND GILGAL GREW UP OUT OF ISRAEL'S RESISTANCE TO THE LORD'S LEADERSHIP**
- (d). **IF JUDAH VISITED THESE PLACES, SHE WOULD BE CORRUPTED BY ISRAEL'S REBELLION.**
- (B). **IN [VERSE 17], GOD TELLS JUDAH THE PEOPLE TO BE SHUNNED. "EPHRAIM IS JOINED TO IDOLS: LET HIM ALONE."**
- (1). **THE REASON FOR THIS COMMAND IS A PRACTICAL ONE; GOD'S JUDGMENT WOULD SOON FALL ON THE NORTHERN KINGDOM, AND JUDAH COULD DO NOTHING TO PREVENT IT.**
- (2). **EPHRAIM WAS "JOINED TO IDOLS."**
- (3). **SHE WAS HOPELESSLY GIVEN OVER TO IDOLATRY.**
- (4). **SHE COULD CORRUPT OTHERS, BUT SHE COULD NOT BE CHANGED.**
- (5). **JUDAH WAS TO KEEP HER DISTANCE LEST SHE BE INFLUENCED BY ISRAEL'S IDOLATRY AND FEEL THE FIRES OF GOD'S JUDGMENT.**
- (C). **GOD HAS CALLED CHRISTIANS TO A MINISTRY OF SALT AND LIGHT.**
- (1). **AS SALT, WE CREATE A THIRST FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS.**
- (2). **AS LIGHT, WE ATTRACT PEOPLE OUT OF DARKNESS.**
- (3). **WE ARE TO EXERT AN INFLUENCE ON OTHERS, AND NOT BE INFLUENCED BY THEM.**

- (4). THAT IS WHY THERE ARE PLACES A CHRISTIAN SHOULD NOT GO, PRACTICES IN WHICH HE OUGHT NOT TO PARTICIPATE, AND PEOPLE WITH WHOM HE CANNOT ASSOCIATE.
- (5). WE MUST MAINTAIN A GODLY DISTINCTIVENESS THAT WITNESSES OF GOD'S PRESENCE IN OUR LIVES.

### CONCLUSION

GOD IS ALWAYS CALLING HIS PEOPLE TO A GREATER DEGREE OF DEPENDENCY, AND A DEEPER LEVEL OF MATURITY.

- (A). YES, HE LOVES US AS WE ARE, BUT HE ALSO LOVES US TOO MUCH TO LEAVE US AS WE ARE.
- (1). WHEN LOVE IS CONFRONTATIONAL, IT CAN COME INTO A DESERT AND MAKE IT TO BLOOM LIKE A ROSE GARDEN;
- (2). WHEN LOVE IS CONFRONTATIONAL, IT CAN ENTER A DARK HUT, AND MAKE IT LOOK LIKE A ROYAL PALACE;
- (3). WHEN LOVE IS CONFRONTATIONAL, IT CAN TAKE AN OLD DRESS AND TRANSFORM IT INTO A BEAUTIFUL WEDDING GOWN;
- (4). WHEN LOVE IS CONFRONTATIONAL, IT CAN TAKE A SIMPLE SANDWICH AND MAKE IT TASTE LIKE A KING'S BANQUET;
- (5). WHEN LOVE IS CONFRONTATIONAL, IT CAN TAKE AN ORPHAN AND MAKE HIM A SON;
- (6). WHEN LOVE IS CONFRONTATIONAL, IT CAN TAKE A GRIEVING HEART AND COMFORT IT WITH JOY.

- (7). **WHEN LOVE IS CONFRONTATIONAL, IT CAN STRENGTHEN MARRIAGES;**
  - (8). **IT CAN ENHANCE FELLOWSHIP;**
  - (9). **IT CAN SETTLE DIFFERENCES;**
  - (10). **IT CAN FORGIVE THE OFFENDER;**
  - (11). **IT CAN LIFT THE FALLEN;**
  - (12). **WHEN LOVE IS CONFRONTATIONAL, IT CAN ASSIST THE WEAK.**
- (B). **IF GOD'S LOVE HAD NOT BEEN CONFRONTATIONAL, WE WOULD NOT HAVE SALVATION TODAY.**
- (1). **MAN WAS STANDING OVER THE THRESHOLD OF ETERNAL DAMNATION;**
  - (2). **HE HAD BEEN TRIED IN THE COURT OF LAST RESULT;**
  - (3). **HE WAS FOUND GUILTY AS CHARGED;**
  - (4). **JUSTICE WAS DEMANDING CAPITAL PUNISHMENT;**
  - (5). **DEATH HAD A WARRANT OUT ON MAN, TO WIPE HIM OFF THE FACE OF THE EARTH;**
  - (6). **MAN'S HOPE IN THE FUTURE WAS DIM;**
  - (7). **GOD LOVED US SO MUCH, THAT, THROUGH CONFRONTATION, HE SPARED US THE PAIN AND PENALTY THAT SIN AND SELF BRINGS INTO OUR LIVES.**
  - (8). ***"FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD, THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON, THAT WHOSOEVER BELIEVETH IN HIM SHOULD NOT PERISH, BUT HAVE EVERLASTING LIFE."* [JOHN 3:16]**

- (9). ***“GREATER LOVE HAS NO MAN THAN THIS, THAT A MANY LAY DOWN HIS LIFE FOR HIS FRIENDS.”[JOHN 15:13]***
- (a). **HE ENCOUNTERED OUR ENEMIES;**
  - (b). **HE APPRAISED OUR NEEDS;**
  - (c). **HE FELT OUR PAIN;**
  - (d). **HE TASTED OUR BITTERNESS;**
  - (e). **HE FACED OUR FEARS;**
  - (f). **HE CONFRONTED OUR PROBLEMS;**
  - (g). **HE STEPPED INTO OUR SHOES AND WENT TO CALVARY FOR US;**
  - (h). **HE WAS WOUNDED FOR OUR TRANSGRESSIONS;**
  - (i). **HE WAS BRUISED FOR OUR INIQUITIES;**
  - (j). **HE WAS PIERCED FOR OUR GUILT;**
  - (k). **HE SUFFERED FOR OUR SHAME;**
  - (l). **HE WAS TORTURED FOR OUR SHORTCOMINGS;**
  - (m). **HE WAS BEATEN FOR OUR WRONG;**
  - (n). **HE DIED FOR OUR SINS;**
  - (o). **BUT EARLY SUNDAY MORNING, HE HAD A CONFRONTATION WITH HELL, DEATH AND THE GRAVE.\*\*\*\***
  - (p). **HE ROSE WITH ALL POWER IN HIS HANDS.**