

God Forgotten
Hosea 2:8-13
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Thesis: I want to show the importance of never forgetting God.

- Intro:
1. Have we ever forgotten to give thanks to God?
 2. We should remember where our blessings come from. We do not want to forget God and all the great ways He cares for us.
 3. Today we will see an example of those who have forgotten God.
 4. We also see how God handles those who have forgotten Him.

I. God's blessings overlooked (v.8)

- A. "...did not know..." (v.8a)
1. They forgot who has blessed them.
 2. They didn't want to remember God, they were so focused on themselves and their false gods they didn't know God was the one providing for them.
- B. v.8b – God supplied all their needs.
1. He gave them their most basic needs.
 2. He gave them all they required yet the credit went to Baal.
- C. v.8c – In return they gave their blessings to idols & disobeyed God.
1. Their eyes were closed to God; they believed their blessings came from the false gods they worshiped.
 3. Imagine God blessing people and false gods receiving the credit for it.
 3. Its amazing what man sees when his eyes for God are tightly closed.

II. God responds to their actions (v.9-10)

- A. God returns & takes away from those who forgot Him (v.9a)
1. God would return and take away what he gave them.
 2. Those that worshipped idols and believed their blessings from God were from them would lose their blessings.
- B. He gave them their needs now He will take it all away (v.9b)
1. Since God gave them their needs and was now going to take them away, they would be in want.
 2. Do people return to God when they are in need, sometimes yes, sometimes no.
- C. Their sin will be revealed (v.10)
1. God would not hide their sin, it would be revealed so that all would learn from the mistakes of these people. It wasn't done to embarrass them, though it would be embarrassing, it was done to teach them and others a lesson. Do not forget who takes care of you.
 2. No one can save them (v.10b) No one prevent their blessings from disappearing, no one but themselves. They must repent.

III. Their life showed God where their heart really was (v.11-13)

- A. All her good things/blessings will cease (v.11)

1. All the blessings and all the special events would end.
 2. There would be no more of these things for this people because they have forgotten God. Why? Their worship would be vain anyways so why would they keep these things if they are doing so in vain.
- B. They considered all their blessings to be from idols they worshipped (v.12)
1. They again believed all the things they've acquired was because of their false idols.
 2. The idols were their life, and God was simply forgotten.
 3. Does this happen today? Absolutely!
- C. They acted & dressed the part of the heathen people. (v.13a)
1. They dressed, acted and talked the part of those who worshipped false gods. They had clearly put God out of their minds.
 2. They made their position with God clear.
 3. Why do such? Obviously they have forgotten all the love and blessings that God bestows to the faithful.

- Conc: 1. v.13b – They forgot God- its sad & scary when people forget who blesses & takes care of them – GOD.
2. If we forget God – He will punish us, God has never forgotten about us.
 3. Has our life shown God we love Him or have forgotten Him?
 4. Invitation