

SS 1 CRK Note Week 3 by Mrs Ligali Stong Tower Academy

Divine Love

Love is an act of showing concern for the total well being and happiness of an individual.

Divine Love is the concern that God shows in providing for spiritual and material needs for men.

The Love of God (Hosea 1, 2, 3, & 4)

1. God instructed Hosea the son of Berri to marry a wife of harlotry and he married Gomer.
2. Gomer bore the first son, whom God named Jezreel, which means God will punish the house of Jehu for killings the kings of Israel and Judah and put an end to the kingdom of Israel.
3. Gomer conceived again and bore a daughter as the second child and God named her 'not pitied' [Loruhammah] which means God will not pity Israel anymore because of her sins.
4. Gomer bore a third son and was 'not my people' [Loami] means God has rejected Israel as his people because they broke his commandment.
5. Gomer left her husband and her children and went after another man.
6. Hosea loved her in spite of her faithlessness and disappointment; he paid to bring her back.
7. Hosea also sent her children to plead with their mother but it was all in vain.
8. His love for his wife continued in spite of her faithlessness.

How God's love was demonstrated in Hosea marriage tragedy

1. Hosea compared his love for his wife and her unfaithfulness with God's love for Israel and her faithlessness
2. God remained faithful in spite of their unfaithfulness as Hosea remained faithful to Gomer.
3. God promised future glory and unity of Israel and Judah.
4. God sent Hosea to recall Israel to faithfulness that they should turn from their

idolatry to the living God.

5. Hosea told them that God requires steadfast love from Israel not sacrifice

Lessons

1. God's love for man is because he is forgiving, dependable and reliable.
2. We are to reciprocate God's love by being faithful to him and practice justice and righteousness.

Man's Response to God's Love (Hosea 6: 1-11 & 14)

1. Hosea asked Israel to make a positive response to God's love.
2. He called Israel to return to God so that, he who had smitten her, would revive her.
3. God promised to heal their wounds and bind it to them.
4. God told them to live in his presence.
5. Hosea urged them to seek to know the Lord by doing his will.
6. He said Israel's love for God has been swallowed, whereas, God demanded steadfast love.
7. Israel like Adam had sinned by transgressing the law
8. The priests were not better and Judah like Israel had been defiled with harlotry.
9. Israel must return to God with the confession on her lips, for neither Assyria nor her effort could save her.
10. If Israel should repent, God would show love and she will blossom again like the lily.
11. Israel should reject her idols for she would know that only God provided for her sustenance.
12. Hosea called upon Israel to be wise and understand the way of the

Lord for the upright walks in god's way but the transgressor stumble there in.

ASSIGNMENT

1. Mentioned the names of Hosea three children
2. Explain the meaning of each of their names
3. In what three ways is name significant in your society? (WAEC Questions)
4. Explain how God's love was demonstrated in Hosea marriage tragedy.