



Why Good Times Can Be Misleading

Hosea 9:1-9

A False Sense of Security and Prosperity

(Verse 1)

NOTICE → All seems to be _____ in Israel, but the main _____ is still present.

The Exodus Reversed

(Verses 2-9)

1. God's people will _____ to _____.
2. Future _____ will be like _____.
3. _____ will turn into _____.

THE POINT → Even though God's heart is broken, he doesn't _____ his people's _____.

Seeing the Big Picture of Grace

1. The _____ Watchman.
2. The _____ Redeemer.

Listening to the Watchman Today

1. Just because all is well on the _____ doesn't mean all is well on the _____.

REMEMBER → One of the healthiest _____ a Christian can have is frequent _____.

2. You can avoid a lot of _____ in life if you _____ your heart to God's _____.

REMEMBER → Repentance isn't a _____ thing.

3. The God who doesn't _____ sin is the same God who _____ sin.

REMEMBER → No matter how far you might have _____, Jesus will *always* _____ you home.



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NOTICE → All seems to be **WELL** in Israel, but the main **PROBLEM** is still present.

The Exodus Reversed

(Verses 2-9)

1. God's people will **RETURN** to **EGYPT**.
2. Future **FESTIVALS** will be like **FUNERALS**.
3. **ABUNDANCE** will turn into **BARRENNESS**.

THE POINT → Even though God's heart is broken, he doesn't **OVERLOOK** his people's **SIN**.

Seeing the Big Picture of Grace

1. The **PATIENT** Watchman.
2. The **LOVING** Redeemer.

Listening to the Watchman Today

1. Just because all is well on the **OUTSIDE** doesn't mean all is well on the **INSIDE**.

REMEMBER → One of the healthiest **PRACTICES** a Christian can have is frequent **SELF-SEARCHING**.

2. You can avoid a lot of **PAIN** in life if you **SOFTEN** your heart to God's **WORD**.

REMEMBER → Repentance isn't a **ONE-TIME** thing.

3. The God who doesn't **OVERLOOK** sin is the same God who **FORGIVES** sin.

REMEMBER → No matter how far you might have **DRIFTED**, Jesus will *always* **WELCOME** you home.

For Further Study

Getting Started

1. What impacted you most in this week's text? Why?

Digging Deeper

2. Read Deuteronomy 28:45-52. In what ways do you see these warnings fulfilled in Hosea 9:1-9?
3. A lot of time passed between Deuteronomy 28 and Hosea 9. What does this teach you about God? (Hint: read 2 Peter 3:9)
4. Hosea 9:8 mentions that God—like a prophet—is the watchman over his people. What does it mean that God is a watchman? What does this further teach you about God?

Driving It Home

5. Martell mentioned three things about “listening to the Watchman” today. Which one stands out to you the most?
6. How can you apply it to your life this week?