

Renounce Sin in Our Lives

Hosea 14:1-9

¹ Return, O Israel, to the LORD your God. Your sins have been your downfall!

² Take words with you and return to the LORD. Say to him: "Forgive all our sins and receive us graciously, that we may offer the fruit of our lips."

³ Assyria cannot save us; we will not mount war-horses. We will never again say 'Our gods' to what our own hands have made, for in you the fatherless find compassion."

⁴ "I will heal their waywardness and love them freely, for my anger has turned away from them.

⁵ I will be like the dew to Israel; he will blossom like a lily. Like a cedar of Lebanon he will send down his roots; ⁶ his young shoots will grow. His splendor will be like an olive tree, his fragrance like a cedar of Lebanon. ⁷ Men will dwell again in his shade. He will flourish like the grain. He will blossom like a vine, and his fame will be like the wine from Lebanon.

⁸ O Ephraim, what more have I to do with idols? I will answer him and care for him. I am like a green pine tree; your fruitfulness comes from me."

⁹ Who is wise? He will realize these things. Who is discerning? He will understand them. The ways of the LORD are right; the righteous walk in them, but the rebellious stumble in them.

Call to Return

A. He knows our sin

1. Cannot hide them

2. Cannot ignore them

⁸ If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

¹⁰ If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word has no place in our lives.

1 John 1:8,10

Call to Return

B. Be specific when confessing

1. Bring words

2. Confess, not admit

Four Promises to Encourage Repentance

A. Promises to receive us

1. healing
2. Love
3. Anger averted

B. Promises to restore us

1. Said He would
2. Protect His name-sake

¹³ if we are faithless, he will remain faithful, for he cannot disown himself.

2 Timothy 2:13

Four Promises to Encourage Repentance

C. Promises to revive us

1. Beauty renewed (Lily)
2. Strength returned (Cedar)
3. Value (Olive tree)
4. Delight (Fragrance)
5. Abundance (Grain, vine, fame)

Four Promises to Encourage Repentance

D. Promises to remain with us

1. I will answer
2. I will care for him
3. I am a green pine tree
4. Faithfulness comes from me

⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:9

