

# The Message

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Hosea 6

Go and Learn What This Means



For the spirit of whoredom is within  
them and they know not the Lord  
(Hosea 5:4).



# Mercenary Harlots



**He says, “she is no longer my wife”  
(Hosea 2:2).**



God says, “like a young lion . . . I, even I, will tear them and go away; I will return again to My place till they acknowledge their offense. Then they will seek My face; In their affliction they will earnestly seek Me” (Hosea 5:15).



# Striking & Stroking

Come, and let us return to the LORD; For He has torn, but He will heal us; He has stricken, but He will bind us up (Hosea 6:1).



Let us know, Let us pursue the knowledge  
of the LORD (Hosea 6:3).



My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge (Hosea 4:6).



What Kind of Knowledge?



The knowledge of the glory of the Lord will cover the earth as the waters cover the sea (Habakkuk 2:14).



Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets, I have slain them by the words of My mouth (Hosea 6:5).

*To hew: to strike forcibly with an ax.*

*The function of the prophets was to enforce God's Law with a covenant lawsuit.*



The function of God's law is to slay us  
so God can raise us from the dead.

**Romans 3:19-20** Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God. Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law is the knowledge of sin.



## Hosea 6:6

**For I desire mercy and not sacrifice,  
And the knowledge of God more than burnt  
offerings.**

This verse is quoted by Jesus in Matthew 9:11 and again in Matthew 12:7.

He said this in response to the attitude of the Pharisees.



Mercy = The Knowledge of God



## Proverbs 1:1-7

1. To know wisdom and instruction,
2. To perceive the words of understanding,
3. To receive the instruction of wisdom,  
Justice, judgment, and equity;
4. To give prudence to the simple,  
To the young man knowledge and discretion—
5. A wise man will hear and increase learning,  
And a man of understanding will attain wise counsel,
6. To understand a proverb and an enigma,  
The words of the wise and their riddles.
7. The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge,  
But fools despise wisdom and instruction.



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