

HOSEA

Judgment and Resurrection | *November 15, 2026*

Hosea 13 | Hosea presents the reality of deserved judgment alongside hope of revival. He shows how God's judgment aims to bring about repentance and points forward to restoration through God's mercy.

SERMON OUTLINE

Hosea's Closing Statement Demonstrates ...

1. **The Rebellion of Forgotten Grace (Hosea 13:1–6)**
    a. Prosperity often breeds amnesia. Israel did not fall into ruin because God failed them, but because their abundance led to arrogance and spiritual self-sufficiency.
    b. Relevant Scripture: Hosea 10:1–2; Deuteronomy 8:11–17; Amos 6:1–8.
2. **The Retribution of Holy Wrath (Hosea 13:7–13, 15–16)**
    a. God's punishment is neither arbitrary nor vindictive; it is the holy reaction of a loving, covenant God against sin that destroys His people. Judgment and punishment are designed to break human pride to expose our absolute helplessness.
    b. Relevant Scripture: Ezekiel 18:23; Lamentations 3:31–33; Deuteronomy 32:4.
3. **The Resurrection of Sovereign Mercy (Hosea 13:14)**
    a. Christ absorbs the sting of death and the judgment of sin on the Cross, bursting from the grave so that judgment gives way to resurrection life for all who repent.
    b. Relevant Scripture: Hebrews 2:14-15; 2 Timothy 1:10; Galatians 3:13.

APPLICATION

1. **Audit Your Prosperity: Beware of the "Self-Sufficiency Drift"**
    - *Action:* Examine where comfortable seasons of your life have quietly pushed God to the margins. Acknowledge your daily dependence on God's hand before comfort turns into spiritual pride and forgetfulness.
2. **Heed God's Disciplining Hand: Let Conviction Produce Repentance, Not Resistance**
    - *Action:* When God allows difficulty, conviction, or consequences to interrupt your path, do not harden your heart or double down on lesser saviors. Recognize judgment and divine conviction as a severe mercy intended to turn you back to Him.

3. **Anchor Your Hope in the Risen Christ: Death Does Not Have the Final Word**
    - *Action:* Face personal failure, suffering, and mortality with unshakable confidence in Christ's resurrection. Because Jesus conquered death and paid the ransom in full, repentance leads not to condemnation, but to new and eternal life.