

is going to show through Hosea's attitude toward this woman, the way he looks for her, the way he longs for her, even when she went astray, he followed her up and helped her and when she got into terrible difficulty he supported her in spite of all of it. God showed through all of that the almost unbelievable love of God toward His yearning, toward His errant people. If it were not for that, we would all perish. That is one thing, I think it is very helpful for us to realize, as we go on in Christian work ~~we~~ trying to serve the Lord, and that is, that sin is in the heart of every person. That we have all sinned and done what is evil in the sight of God and that God is so good to bring us to the knowledge of Christ and to save us and we are perfectly justified before Him if we have accepted Christ but the sin is still in our hearts, and over a period of time He gradually will take it out of us, but the other fellow's in the ~~same~~ same situation and oh, how easy it is for us to find some wicked or some ~~sin~~ ~~th~~ in the other ~~fee~~ fellow who is trying to serve the Lord and we say I won't have anything more to do with that fellow. Look at him; look at what he has done. Why, why ~~don't~~ don't you get rid of the mote that is in your own eye before you worry so much about the beam that is in the other fellow's eye. He can see things in you too, but if you are trying to serve the Lord, if you, ~~for~~ from your heart have accepted the Saviour and are trying to follow Him, think of the ~~loving~~ ~~-ye~~ yearning love of God that looks upon us as Hosea ~~we~~ ~~he~~ looked upon this woman that had so disappointed him, and God is following us with His love and He will use us for His glory if we keep our eyes upon Him. Now, let us look on in this first chapter. ~~Child~~ ~~Children~~ Children were given particular names which have a meaning, and we should go in to the meaning and its relation to Israel there, but we won't have ~~to~~ time to do that this morning. I just wanted to mention the fact that there is a good deal in here of mentioning particular names which can be used as headings for sermons and that sort of thing. God used his prophets in that way in the past