

SERMON NOTES – 24/07/16

“God’s Unceasing Love!”

The love of a parent for a child.

God’s parental love for His people (vv.1-8)

- Israel’s response to God’s love for them (v.2)

- God’s actions toward His people (vv.3-7)

- God’s heartfelt love (v.8)

God’s promises to His people (vv.9-11)

- The Admah and Zeboiim warning (v.8b)

- Judgement is not as severe as it could be (v.9)

- Restoration occurs after judgement (vv.10-11)

The love of God in Jesus Christ

To Ponder In A Quiet Moment Or Over a Cuppa With A Friend:

As you reflect on your life what times stand out where you have experienced the love of your heavenly Father?

What warning comes with Admah and Zeboiim?

How does Jesus fulfil the promises?

BIBLE STUDY QUESTIONS 24/07/16

Hosea 11:1-11

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1. When was Israel first called Israel? (Genesis 32:22-32) What does Israel mean?
2. How did God show His love toward His people as He called them out of Egypt? What actions did He take to get His people? (Deut. 4:35-38)
3. Who are the Baals? Why do you think Israel persisted in following them?
4. In verse 3 what did God do for His people? If you have children or grandchildren, how did you feel when they took their first steps? How do you think God felt when Israel took their first steps?
5. In verse 4 God leads His people. How does He lead His people? Is there any difference between how God leads and how false religions would lead?
6. What action will God take against His people in verses 5-7? Why does God take such action?
7. Israel is determined to throw everything that God has done for them back in His face. How do you think God feels when Israel continually turns their back on Him? When a child turns their back on everything the parent holds dear in regard to God, how do you think the parent feels?
8. After all Israel has done, how does God respond to His people (v.8a)?
9. What is the story behind Admah and Zeboiim? Why would it have struck fear into the Israelites?
10. If the terms of the covenant are broken, what would happen (Deut. 8)?
11. What does God promise in verse 9? What does God promise in verses 10-11 for his people?
12. How does Jesus fulfil these promises?