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Hosea 14:1-4,8-9

¹ Return, 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 warhorses. 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.

⁸ Ephraim, what more have I to do with idols? I will answer him and care for him. I am like a flourishing juniper; your fruitfulness comes from me." ⁹ Who is wise? Let them realize these things. Who is discerning? Let them understand. The ways of the LORD are right; the righteous walk in them, but the rebellious stumble in them.

What are the parts of repentance?

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What does Hosea mean by "Take words with you" in verse 2? What words? When? Where?

What is "the fruit of our lips"?

What are the main two sins uncovered in verse 3?

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2,

How does God want to show his grace?

14:8 This is the only place in the Bible that God compares himself with a tree. What is special about the words, "your fruitfulness comes from me"?

14:9 The final verse in Hosea's book proclaims both law and gospel. What here is law (showing us our sin)?

What here is gospel (showing us our Savior)?

Is the Savior clear in verse 9, or do we need to "import" him from an earlier verse? What verse might serve for this?

What commandments are especially on the prophet's mind in this chapter?

What helps us to see the First Commandment here?

What helps us to see the Third?

What helps us to see the Fifth?