

A Half Baked Sermon

Hosea 7:8

In ancient Israel they used a stone oven to bake bread. If the temperature was wrong or the bread was not turned at the right time, they would end up with a gooey mess! Hosea uses this illustration to describe what was happening in his day. The people were given to idolatry yet still claimed allegiance to God. That mixture brought results that were not pleasing to anyone.

I. Don't Be a Cake Unturned

With a "well done" outward religion, Mt. 15:8
But a raw and doughy inward religion. Mt. 23:23, 25-28

With a "well done" in hearing James 1:22-25
But a raw and doughy in doing

With a "well done" in saying the right things
But a half-baked in being a friend of the world James 4:4

With a well done in laying up treasure on earth
But doughy in keeping heavenly treasure Lk. 12:13-21

II. Half Baked Cakes Are Thrown Away

Israel was discarded Hosea 7:9-13
Christians who do not live right are discarded Mt. 5:13-16
A Church that is luke-warm is discarded Rev. 3:16

III. How Can We Cook Through?

Realize that with God it is all or nothing Mt. 6:24, Lk 9:62
Grow and develop as a Christian 2 Peter 1:5-11
Begin today to hear and do Romans 2:13