

The Ultimate Love Story

Hosea 11:1-11

I. A Parent's Love For His Child

- A. The Lord is a Gracious Father
 - 1. He called his children out of Egypt, v1
Guided them, Fed them, Protected them
 - 2. He taught them to walk, v 2
Exodus 20 and the Law
 - 3. He drew them with gentle cords of love
1 John 5:3
- B. Yet God's children rebelled
 - 1. They demanded their own way,
Jer. 10:23, Jud. 21:25, 1 Sam 8:6
 - 2. They considered obedience as a heavy yoke, v 4
Mal. 1:13
 - 3. They were hypocritical in religion, v. 7
Mal. 1:18

II. A Husband's Love For His Wife

- A. He refuses to surrender his love, v. 8
Mt. 23:37
- B. This is acted out by Hosea
1:2 wife of harlotry, 1:3 Jezreel, 1:6 LoRuamah,
1:8 Lo Ammi, 3:2 buys her back as a slave

III. God's Love Will Never End For You

- A. He is the Loving Savior, Rescuing His People
 - 1. He will delay judgment, v. 9
Today, 2 Peter 3:9
 - 2. He will gather his people, v. 10
John 14:1-4
 - 3. He will dwell with them forever, v 11
Ps. 23:6, Rev. 21:3-4