



MERCY

SACRIFICE

Hosea 6:6

A background image of a chain with one gold link and several silver links. The gold link is positioned in the upper left quadrant, and the silver links form a continuous chain extending across the frame. The lighting is soft, highlighting the metallic textures and the interlocking nature of the links.

***For I desire mercy and not sacrifice,
and the knowledge of God
more than burnt offerings.***

Hos. 6:6 NKJV

Hosea prophesied - -

- Alongside the prophets Isaiah, Micah, Amos
- During the days of the kings

Jeroboam II (Israel, 41 yrs) 2 Kg. 14:23

Uzziah (Judah, 52 yrs) 2 Kg. 15:1-7 (2 Chr. 26)

Jotham (Judah, 16 yrs) 2 Kg. 15:32-38 (2 Chr. 27)

Ahaz (Judah, 16 yrs) 2 Kg. 16 (2 Chr. 28)

Hezekiah (Judah, 29 yrs) 2 Kg. 18-20 (2 Chr. 29-32)

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What Hosea said about the people of his day

4:1-2 *no truth, mercy, knowledge*

4:6-7 *rejected knowledge*

5:10-11 *the princes of Judah are like . . .*

6:4-7 *faithfulness like morning cloud [fog]
desire mercy, knowledge*

How had they been merciless?

What sacrifices were being offered?

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Hosea's timeless message

- A. All forms of sin are displeasing to God
- B. All forms of sin harm us 8:7; 7:9
- C. All forms of sin harm others 4:4-6
- D. Value of mercy, knowledge, truth, and sacrifice
4:1; 6:6a

Who do you most value right now?

Turn to Christ Acts 2:38; Rom. 10:10

Return to Christ Acts 8:22; 1 Jn. 1:9

Abide in Christ John 15:7

*For I
know*

*the
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