

Title: **"I WILL LOVE THEM FREELY"**

Text: **Hosea 14**

(I) A WONDERFUL DECLARATION OF GOD'S LOVE

"I will heal their backsliding, I will love them freely, for My anger has turned away from him." Hosea 14:4

- 1. Promise of love despite backsliding**
- 2. Promise of love that has no restrictions ("freely")**
- 3. Promise of love despite the righteous anger of God**

(II) CONTEXT OF THIS GLORIOUS DECLARATION OF GOD'S LOVE

1. Backsliding of Israel

- a) Turning to idolatry (**Hosea 1:2**)
- b) Great lawlessness (**Hosea 4:2**)
- c) Stubbornness (**Hosea 4:16**)
- d) Arrogance (**Hosea 5:5**)
- e) Transgression of Covenant (**Hosea 6:7**)

2. Anger of the Lord

- a) Lo Ruhammah "No more mercy" (**Hosea 1:6**)
- b) Lo Ammi "Not My people" (**Hosea 1:9**)

3. God's Faithful love for Israel

- a) From childhood

"When Israel was a child, I loved him..." Hosea 11:1

"I taught Ephraim to walk, taking them by their arms..." Hosea 11:3

b) Deep emotions

"My heart churns within Me; My sympathy is stirred..." Hosea 11:8

c) Covenant-God

"But I am the LORD your God, ever since the land of Egypt..." Hosea 12:9

(III) PROMISES GIVEN IN LOVE

1. Promise of help

"Your help is from Me..." Hosea 13:9

2. Deliverance

"I will ransom them from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death" Hosea 13:14

3. Healing of backsliding

"I will heal their backsliding" Hosea 14:4a

4. Another chance to make a Fresh start

"I will be like dew to Israel; He shall grow like the lily, and lengthen his roots like Lebanon. His branches shall spread; His beauty shall be like an olive tree, and his fragrance like Lebanon." Hosea 14:5-6