



Daily Reflections

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Scripture

Hosea 6: 1-6

"Come, let us return to the LORD,
it is he who has rent, but he will heal us;
he has struck us, but he will bind our wounds.
He will revive us after two days;
on the third day he will raise us up,
to live in his presence.
Let us know, let us strive to know the LORD;
as certain as the dawn is his coming,
and his judgment shines forth like the light of day!
He will come to us like the rain,
like spring rain that waters the earth."
What can I do with you, Ephraim?
What can I do with you, Judah?
Your piety is like a morning cloud,
like the dew that early passes away.
For this reason I smote them through the prophets,
I slew them by the words of my mouth;
For it is love that I desire, not sacrifice,
and knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

Our Scripture Reflection

Initially, upon hearing God's accusation against their sins by Hosea, the people of Israel attempted a half-hearted act of repentance. To the eyes and ears of God this amounted to a "morning cloud", misty and fleeting. God was not pleased by their hypocritical external gestures. He wants to see a sincere change of heart that shows itself in action on behalf of the poor.

Food for your Journey

The wages of sin is death. Thank God I quit before payday.

—Reamer Loomis.

A Prayer from the Heart

Precious Lord, good and merciful, I acknowledge all my sins which I have committed every day of my life, in thought, word and deed; in body and soul alike. I am heartily sorry that I have ever offended You, and I sincerely repent; with tears I humbly pray to You, O Lord: of your mercy forgive me all my past transgressions and absolve me from them. I firmly resolve, with the help of Your Grace, to amend my way of life and to sin no more; that I may walk in the way of the righteous and offer praise and glory to You. Amen