# Lesson 23 Hosea 8 Corruption of Cult, Domestic and Foreign Politics

1. (Faith) Our Lord echoes the words of Hosea and St. James recapitulates (summarizes and extends)   
   Jesus’ words.   
   What more is required of us than to speak words of faith?

Hosea 8:2-3

2 They cry out to me, “My God! We know you!”

3 But Israel has rejected what is good; the enemy shall pursue him.

Matthew 7:22-23

22 Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name?   
Did we not drive out demons in your name? Did we not do mighty deeds in your name?'

23 Then I will declare to them solemnly, 'I never knew you. Depart from me, you evildoers.'

James 2:18-19

18 Indeed someone might say, "You have faith and I have works." Demonstrate your faith to me  
 without works, and I will demonstrate my faith to you from my works.

19 You believe that God is one. You do well. Even the demons believe that and tremble.

1. (Hope) Last week we spoke of God’s desire for all mankind. Today we see that words alone are not enough. The prophets Hosea and Micah speak of “good,” as does our Lord.  
   Taken together, what is the “good that is perfected” that is necessary for your hope of salvation?

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Micah 6:8

You have been told, O man, what is good, and what the LORD requires of you:   
Only to do the right and to love goodness, and to walk humbly with your God.

Matthew 19:17, 21

17 He answered him, “Why do you ask me about the good? There is only One who is good.  
 If you wish to enter into life, keep the commandments.”

21 Jesus said to him, “If you wish to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to [the] poor,   
 and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.”

1. (Love) The fundamental purpose of St. Timothy’s Catholic Bible Study is to foster a personal relationship with Our Lord as expressed by Hosea, Jesus, and St. James; to not just know about Jesus, but to know Him.  
   Has Bible Study fostered that relationship with Christ in your life? If so, how?