# Lesson 24 Hosea 9 Days of Celebration to Days of Punishment

(Faith) How has the unfaithfulness of the Israelites and the punishment of dispersion they endured   
been used by God for His purposes and our salvation? See Romans 9:6-8; 22-24.

Hosea 9:17

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they will be wanderers among the nations

Romans 9:6-8

6 But it is not that the word of God has failed. For not all who are of Israel are Israel,

7 nor are they all children of Abraham because they are his descendants;   
 but “It is through Isaac that descendants shall bear your name.”

8 This means that it is not the children of the flesh who are the children of God,   
 but the children of the promise are counted as descendants.

22 What if God, wishing to show his wrath and make known his power,   
 has endured with much patience the vessels of wrath made for destruction?

23 This was to make known the riches of his glory to the vessels of mercy,   
 which he has prepared previously for glory,

24 namely, us whom he has called, not only from the Jews but also from the Gentiles.

(Hope) How does St Paul show the hope of salvation for Jews and Gentiles, alike?

(Love) Hosea castigates the Israelites because they have not listened to God.   
How does St. Matthew’s Gospel and St. James epistle reveal what is meant by “listening” to God?

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James 1:22

Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding yourselves.

Matthew 22:36-40

36 “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?”

37 He said to him, “You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart,   
 with all your soul, and with all your mind.

38 This is the greatest and the first commandment.

39 The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

40 The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments.”