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### **BIG LOVE:**

### **Sub topic: Guilty but Forgiven**

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**Hosea 3:1 BBE Version** - *1 And the Lord said to me, Give your love again to a woman who has a lover and is false to her husband, even as the Lord has love for the children of Israel, though they are turned to other gods and are lovers of grape-cakes. 2 So I got her for myself for fifteen shekels of silver and a homer and a half of barley; 3 And I said to her, You are to be mine for a long space of time; you are not to be false to me, and no other man is to have you for his wife; and so will I be to you. 4 For the children of Israel will for a long time be without king and without ruler, without offerings and without pillars, and without ephod or images. 5 And after that, the children of Israel will come back and go in search of the Lord their God and David their king; and they will come in fear to the Lord and to his mercies in the days to come.*

- February in addition to being black history month is also thought of as being “Love Month” since Valentine’s Day is also celebrated in the month of February. In my opinion, no consideration of the subject of love can ever be undertaken that excludes GOD from the equation.

**1 John 3:16 KJV** - *[16] Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.*

- The blueprint for how we are to love one another was created by God and how he has demonstrated his love for us through Jesus Christ,

**1 John 4:9-11 KJV** - *[9] In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. [10] Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. [11] Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.*

❖ **PowerPoint:** Neither the conception, perception, application, reception, or manifestation of real love can be experienced without God, any more than a person can breathe without the presence of oxygen.

❖ **PowerPoint:** Love is not just something God does. Love is who God is. Love is the essential, innate, ESSENCE of his nature.

❖ **PowerPoint:** Essence = the intrinsic nature or indispensable quality of something, especially something abstract, that determines its character.



- Whatever you do. Whatever you achieve. Whatever you accomplish, when you omit not just the acknowledgement of God, but THE WORSHIP OF JESUS from that equation it becomes idolatry and you become an idolater.
- It is critical that at the end of the day to ensure that after you receive all of the BIG benefits and BIG blessings that God is sending your way, that GOD (AND NOT YOU) is receiving all the glory and all the honor.

**Psalm 75:1 KJV** - *[1] Unto thee, O God, do we give thanks, unto thee do we give thanks: for that thy name is near thy wondrous works declare.*

**Psalm 115:1 KJV** - *[1] Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto thy name give glory, for thy mercy, and for thy truth's sake.*

**Jeremiah 10:6-7 KJV** - *[6] Forasmuch as there is none like unto thee, O Lord; thou art great, and thy name is great in might. 7] Who would not fear thee, O King of nations? for to thee doth it appertain: forasmuch as among all the wise men of the nations, and in all their kingdoms, there is none like unto thee.*

❖ **PowerPoint:** Being a BIG PRAISER will keep you from getting THE BIG HEAD.

**Ezekiel 28:13-15,17 KJV** -*[13] Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created. 14] Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so : thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. 15] Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee. 17] Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee.*

## **A. THE FORMULA FOR FAILURE**

1: A thought entered Lucifer's mind that he did not cast down, before it took root in his heart.

**Isaiah 14:13 KJV** - *[13] For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:*



2: Once it took root in his heart, he then began to visualize and strategize how he would come to ultimate power.

**Isaiah 14:14 KJV** - *[14] I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.*

B. The outcome of unresolved iniquity

**Isaiah 14:15-17 KJV** - *[15] Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit. 16] They that see thee shall narrowly look upon thee, and consider thee, saying, Is this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms; 17] That made the world as a wilderness, and destroyed the cities thereof; that opened not the house of his prisoners?*

- Hosea whose name means *Yeshua* brings salvation, is one of a group of 12 prophets in the Old Testament that are known as the minor prophets. Our knowledge of the personal background of Hosea is confined exclusively to what is revealed about him in this book which bears his name.

**Hosea 1:1 KJV** - *[1] The word of the Lord that came unto Hosea, the son of Beeri, in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam the son of Joash, king of Israel.*

- Amos gives us additional insight into the cultural climate of the times of Hosea and when you read the book of Amos, you will see how similar the moral decline of the nation was in comparison to modern day America.

**Amos 5:11-12 KJV** - *[11] Forasmuch therefore as your treading is upon the poor, and ye take from him burdens of wheat: ye have built houses of hewn stone, but ye shall not dwell in them; ye have planted pleasant vineyards, but ye shall not drink wine of them. [12] For I know your manifold transgressions and your (mighty sins) they afflict the just, they take a bribe, and they turn aside the poor in the gate from their right.*

**Psalms 24:8 KJV** - *[8] Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.*

- *THE BIG LOVE* of God is the theme of the book of Hosea. It is a book about the enduring, inexhaustible, incomparable, love of God. When we hear the word Love, because we are indoctrinated with western thought, philosophy and culture we tend to automatically think of love as having some type of reciprocal prerequisite.



There are several Greek words found in the scriptures for *LOVE*:

- 1: *Eros* = sexual passion and desire
- 2: *Philia* = the love between best friends or between parents and their children
- 3: *LUDUS* = playful love, casual love between acquaintances
- 4: *Agape* = benevolence or love that prioritizes the needs of others
- 5: *PRAGMA* = Patience, time, tolerance and compromise
- 6: *Philautia* = deals with both the positive love for oneself {self-esteem} which is healthy, but it also deals with Narcissism which is SELFISH which is unhealthy.
- 7: *Storge* = Affection for family and friends
- 8: *Thelema* = Desire for someone or something

There are also several Hebrew words for *LOVE*:

- 1: *Dovid* = being beloved
- 2: *Racham* = merciful love
- 3: *Chabad* = to cherish
- 4: *Yadad* = love between friends
- 5: *Machamal* = pity
- 6: *Qashar* = a mutual bond
- 7: *Me'ah* = the love between a mother and child

**AHAVAH = The love that gives without expectation or requirement of return.**

- Because so much of how we perceive love to be conditional, short term, and even manipulative, it takes the transformation of the mind to perceive a love that gives with the expectation of nothing in return. This is the expression of the essence of God as love typified in Hosea's relationship with his unfaithful wife Gomer.

**Romans 5:5-8 KJV** - [5] *And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us. 6] For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. 7] For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. 8] But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.*

**John 8:1-11 KJV** - [1] *Jesus went unto the mount of Olives. 2] And early in the morning he came again into the temple, and all the people came unto him; and he sat down, and taught them.*

- ❖ **PowerPoint:** The presence of God does not only appear in a service for God to receive his praise, the presence of God comes so that he may meet your NEEDS.



**Philippians 4:19 KJV - [19]** *But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.*

- Whenever you withhold from God his PRAISE, you are withholding your own blessings. Because he doesn't just come into the temple for you to bless him, he comes into the temple to bless you!

**John 8:3-11 KJV -** *3] And the scribes and Pharisees brought unto him a woman taken in adultery; and when they had set her in the midst, 4] They say unto him, Master, this woman was taken in adultery, in the very act. 5] Now Moses in the law commanded us, that such should be stoned: but what sayest thou? [6] This they said, tempting him, that they might have to accuse him. But Jesus stooped down, and with his finger wrote on the ground, as though he heard them not. 7] So when they continued asking him, he lifted up himself, and said unto them, He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her. 8] And again he stooped down, and wrote on the ground. 9] And they which heard it, being convicted by their own conscience, went out one by one, beginning at the eldest, even unto the last: and Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst. 10] When Jesus had lifted up himself, and saw none but the woman, he said unto her, Woman, where are those thine accusers? hath no man condemned thee? 11] She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more.*