

The Price is Right – Hosea 3

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God still loves & sees _____ in His people, even when they play the role of Gomer! That’s why he calls Hosea to go, pay the price & love her again!

It’s also why God pays the ultimate price of sending His only Son Jesus to die the death our sin deserves in order to buy us back from our slavery to it!

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So Gomer goes through a time of _____ - a time to renew her vows & restore what’s been lost, a time to recommit herself to covenantal faithfulness, & a time to withdraw from that which led her astray in the first place!

Israel too would need a time of rehab, & it would come in the form of the exile! Vs 4 - They would be removed from the land but later return & be restored!

But history will show that when Israel did return to the land, they never fully returned to their God! Something/someone was still _____!

And Hosea, here in Ch. 3 points to what it is - **Vs. 5**. There will be a time when the people will be fully restored to their God, but that time will only come when a Davidic king is present!

But a king never did reign again in Israel after the exile, so what could Hosea be referring to? There is only one King of the line of David that could fit this description, and that is _____!

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Jesus is the only one who makes possible the reality of **vs. 5 - “They shall come in fear to the Lord and to his goodness.”**

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These are the “_____” that Hosea spoke of! And we are living in them today! We all have the opportunity to be redeemed, bought back, & reconciled with God through the price He paid for our redemption!

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Final item	<u>Gomer picture</u>	Cost:	_____

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