

A CAKE NOT TURNED

1. Text: Hosea 7:8-10
2. Verse 8 is a fascinating and picturesque verse. Imagine a pancake (Old Testament bread) not turned-burned on one side, raw dough on the other side: worthless, terrible to eat.
3. Picture of ancient Ephraim or Israel, a worthless case of inconsistency, Jehovah and Baal, calves and temple. Israel had become mongrels, hybrids. Worshippers of God in profession but adopting all the idolatries of the surrounding nations. Partly Jew, partly Gentile.
4. So a call to consistency. Bad in extremes: burned and raw. Hot and cold. Meaning: agreement among parts which results in reliability. Versus contradictory, erratic. This is not “half-baked” which refers to being insufficiently thought out, lacking common sense, ill-conceived.
5. Where do we need to avoid being “a cake not turned”?

I. **In Our Values.**

1. Joshua 24:15 Choose whom you will serve.
2. I Kings 18:21 How long will you falter between God and Baal?
3. Ephesians 4:14 Be no longer children tossed to and fro.
4. Philippians 1:27 Paul hopes they will be loyal whether he’s there or not.
5. Titus 1:16 They profess to know God but their works deny him.
6. James 3:10 With the same mouth blessings and cursings.
7. Church hurt by our lapses.
8. Ethics seem to many a moving target. “I lost my moral compass.”
9. Logical inconsistencies:

II. **In Our Personalities**

1. We all have highs and lows. But do we let them get out of hand.
2. Saul, Pilate.
3. Elijah and Elisha.
4. Campbell and Scott
5. “Guessing friends” What mood today?
6. Guess who has more doctrinal problems?
7. Best way to kill a program? Charge or retreat?

III. **In Relationships To Others**

1. David and Jonathan
2. David’s man Ittai (II Samuel 15:21) Whether in death or life, I’ll be there.
3. High Noon
4. Juan and DUI
5. What workers in world want most?
6. “Fair weather friends” Joy of real friends, loyalties run deep.
7. Love is consistent.
8. Parenting and the ideal.

IV. **In Our Relationship To God**

1. Luke 6:46 Why call me Lord, Lord, and don’t do what I say?
2. Hebrews 13:8 The same.
3. James 4:8 Purify your hearts, you double-minded.
4. I John 2:4 One who says he knows him and doesn’t keep his commands is a liar and the truth is not in him.
5. Peter the rock (John 1:42)
6. Holy habits.
7. “Hit and miss” is usually “miss.”
8. Note text: Ephraim mixed himself among the people.

Conclusion: James 1:17

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