### Hosea 3:4-5, (KJV), "For the children of Israel shall abide many days without a king, and without a prince, and without a sacrifice, and without an image, and without an ephod, and without teraphim: Afterward shall the children of Israel return, and seek the Lord their God, and David their king; and shall fear the Lord and his goodness in the latter days.”

### The prophet Hosea, son of Beeri, lived and prophesied just before the destruction of Israel in 722 BC. His name, u^v@oh, means “salvation” and is traditionally spelled “Hoshea,” but the English translation became "Hosea." He is not to be confused with the last king of Israel, Hoshea, c. 732-722. His audience was primarily the people of the northern kingdom, Israel, but trickled down to Judah in the south. Hosea wrote purposefully, persistently, patiently and pointedly to call Israel and Judah to repentance in Yahweh, to expose the waywardness of Israel toward God's covenant, and to tenaciously warn his nation about its spiritual failure and lack of wisdom, love, and faithfulness. Of course, we understand the Old Testament parallel to modern day man. (America, are you listening? Can you hear me now? Can you hear me now? ) Hosea is indefatigably *warning us*, even today, in this 21st century, that we should “return, and seek the Lord our God”*.....so that.....we will enjoy “*His goodness in the latter days.”

This “May We Seek the Lord” Monday, would that your delightful, deliberate day deliver definite, determined decisions that declare “The Lord our God,” forever and always is Jesus Christ! Dwell on Hosea's ancient admonitions and fear the Lord!

***It is always,***

***Because of Him,***

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**Dear Father God, thank You for a new week. Thank You for an “open door” to seek and find You! Forgive me when I fall and am afraid. Be with American churches today so that “hard truths” may be told and practiced. I pray today against “taking the easy path.” I pray against complacency and indifference in our lives. Help me be bold, strong, and forthright in my witness. Show me new ministries, new witness opportunities, and new paths to follow for You. I pray for those in hospitals and nursing homes. And, I pray for those in agonizing situations. Be their “all” today, my Holy Father. Surround the “terror” in these days with Your consistent, true promises! Bring Your perfect Kingdom, my King, and send peace to Jerusalem. Protect my family and my friends. Thank You for sending Your Son, whom I love. In Jesus’ name, Amen.**

**Do you “fear the Lord?” Do you know of His “goodness” and salvation? If not, why not call me? Let’s chat about tomorrow and forever…..316-323-3889.**