



Then Shall We Know

No prophet sacrificed more for his God than Hosea.
He married Gomer who become a harlot.
She would dishonour her husband.
She violated her vows.
She break his heart.
A graphic picture of Israel's backslidden condition.
God's plea for them to return to Him.
An glorious promise of a restored relationship.

The Return

Hosea 6:1 **Come, and let us return unto the LORD;
for He hath torn, and He will heal us; He hath
smitten, and He will bind us up.**

Their condition

They were torn.

They were smitten

Both of these conditions were wrought by God.

God loves us.

He wants to build us.

He wants our best.

But He will chastise His children when they sin.

The consequences resulting from the return

God would heal them.

God would bind them up.

Why stay in a mess?

Forgiveness, restoration, and blessing await.

God leaves the door open for His wayward children.

The Revival

Hosea 6:2 **After two days will He revive us; on the third day He will raise us up, and we shall live in His sight.**

The timing

The revival comes after the return.

God wants us to come back.

Psalm 80:3 **Turn us again, O God.**

God has never changed.

Revival will not come until we turn back to Him.

The truth

What happens when the revival comes?

We will “live in His sight.”

Revival produces believers who:

Are aware of His presence.

Rely on His power.
Seek His praise.
Walk after His purity.

The Revelation

Hosea 6:3 **Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the LORD; His going forth is prepared as the morning; and He shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter and former rain unto the earth.**

The promise

“Then shall we know.”

Many of the instructions do not make sense.

We wish for a complete revelation.

God requires obedience to His Word.

Whether or not we understand it.

The precondition

“If we follow on to know the Lord.”

The continuation expected.

Many fell because they did not continue.

Shipwrecked faith.

The communion exhorted

We don't need to know the answer.

We need to know the Lord.

It is not why God says something.
We only need to do what He says.
Stop looking for reasons and start looking to God.
After we “follow on to know the Lord,” ...
Then we will understand.

Proverbs 16:3 **Commit thy works unto the Lord,
and thy thoughts shall be established.**

God wants and trust Him.
He will help it make sense to us later on.