

1. Opening Prayer

2. Intro: Different Translations on Hosea 11:12

KJV: Ephraim compasseth me about **with** (*ba*) lies, and the house of Israel **with** (*ba*) deceit; but Judah **yet** (*od*) ruleth **with** (*im*) God, and is faithful **with** (*im*) the saints.

NIV: Ephraim has surrounded me **with** (*ba*) lies, Israel **with** (*ba*) deceit.
And Judah is unruly **against** (*im*) God, even **against** (*im*) the faithful Holy One.

NRSV: Ephraim has surrounded me **with** (*ba*) lies, and the house of Israel **with** (*ba*) deceit; but Judah **still** (*od*) walks **with** (*im*) God, and is faithful **to** (*im*) the Holy One.

Preposition *ba*: in, when, as, with

im: with (of fellowship and companionship), toward, as long as, beside, against

When is it translated as “against”?

If the common action be of the nature of a contest or combat,

im is with in the sense of against. (Ex. Gen. 26:20 and 30:8)

Adverb *od*: still, yet, again (Expressing ¹ continuance, or ² addition or repetition)

3. Let us read Ch. 12

- a. What does the “wind” imply in verse 1?
- b. Why do you think Hosea used the story of Jacob in this chapter?
- c. Is Jacob described positively or negatively in Hosea?
- d. How shall we understand “he strove with God” in verse 3 and “he strove with angel” in verse 4?

4. Let us read Ch. 13

- a. Does “give me a king and ruler” in verse 10 remind you of any story in the O.T?
- b. What does “an unwise son” imply?
- c. How do you understand God’s compassion mentioned in verse 14?

5. Closing Prayer