

# Hosea 14

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## **A Call to Repentance**

([Jeremiah 3:11–25](#); [Zechariah 1:1–6](#))

<sup>1</sup>Return, O Israel, unto the LORD thy God; For thou hast stumbled in thine iniquity.

<sup>2</sup>Take with you words, And return unto the LORD; Say unto Him: 'Forgive all iniquity, And accept that which is good; So will we render for bullocks the offering of our lips.

<sup>3</sup>Asshur shall not save us; We will not ride upon horses; Neither will we call any more the work of our hands our gods; For in Thee the fatherless findeth mercy.'

## **A Promise of God's Blessing**

<sup>4</sup>I will heal their backsliding, I will love them freely; For Mine anger is turned away from him.

<sup>5</sup>I will be as the dew unto Israel; He shall blossom as the lily, And cast forth his roots as Lebanon.

<sup>6</sup>His branches shall spread, And his beauty shall be as the olive-tree, And his fragrance as Lebanon.

<sup>7</sup>They that dwell under his shadow shall again Make corn to grow, And shall blossom as the vine; The scent thereof shall be as the wine of Lebanon.

<sup>8</sup>Ephraim [shall say]: 'What have I to do any more with idols?' As for Me, I respond and look on him; I am like a leafy cypress-tree; From Me is thy fruit found.

<sup>9</sup>Whoso is wise, let him understand these things, Whoso is prudent, let him know them. For the ways of the LORD are right, And the just do walk in them; But transgressors do stumble therein.