



## [Hosea 10:12-15](#)

(12) Sow for yourselves righteousness,  
reap the fruit of unfailing love,  
and break up your unplowed ground;  
for it is time to seek the LORD,  
until he comes  
and showers righteousness on you. (13) But you have planted wickedness,  
you have reaped evil,  
you have eaten the fruit of deception.  
Because you have depended on your own strength  
and on your many warriors, (14) the roar of battle will rise against your people,  
so that all your fortresses will be devastated—  
as Shalman devastated Beth Arbel on the day of battle,  
when mothers were dashed to the ground with their children. (15) Thus will it  
happen to you, O Bethel,  
because your wickedness is great.  
When that day dawns,  
the king of Israel will be completely destroyed.  
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By listening to the sensually appealing but iniquitous advice of "authoritative" individuals, our people have fallen prey to the lustful desires of human nature. Humanistic psychologists and psychiatrists urge people in the measured tones of academia that [sin](#) is passé and that we should not concern ourselves with remaining faithful or virgin. Ministers back away from the Bible's authority by seeming to respect it no more than a mere writing of men. Sex gurus such as Alex Comfort, author of *The Joy of Sex*, once said of sex, "There is nothing to be afraid of and never was." For decades Hugh Hefner has propounded his insidious "Playboy Philosophy" in his magazine, setting the tone for contemporary moral standards. We cannot forget the political figures whose sexual escapades, once only whispered about, are now openly discussed. Yet many are re-elected, indicating the public's approval or unconcern.

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People are persuaded, even though the statistics indicate an ever-increasing rise in sexually transmitted diseases and a steady divorce rate. Because [God's law](#) may not exact an immediate penalty ([Ecclesiastes 8:11](#)), the hucksters of hedonism cry, "There is no penalty!" But because [God](#) is faithful, the penalty always falls. Moreover, the penalties are mounting, bringing great sorrow and becoming visible for all who care to see. How much easier it is to learn [wisdom](#) through obeying God rather than through the harsh experiences of human nature!

— John W. Ritenbaugh

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