

Great Expectations:

1. Expectations of a _____ Marriage:

Gen. 2:22-25; Isa 62:5; Song of Solomon (esp. 4:1-10, consummation of the marriage)

Hosea: Sacrificial self-giving _____, protect, care for, provide, give security to, be _____ to her only

Gomer: _____, care for, provide, give security to, be _____ to him only

2. Realities of this _____ Marriage:

Gomer: _____ Hosea

She leaves their home

She gives herself physically and sexually to other men

She violates the marriage covenant and is guilty of adultery

Hosea:

He loves her

He pursues her

He goes beyond all _____ expectations

He goes beyond all _____ expectations

He finds her and redeems her, while she is still living unfaithfully

APPLICATION:

What do you "expect" from God?

What is the reality?

What can others "expect" from you?

What *should* be the reality?