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Hosea 5:1-15

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It happens that most people think very lightly of the forgiveness of sins. They present it as something altogether natural that God forgives sins and that he blinks at human inadequacies; they present the whole matter as though God must forgive sins or else prove Himself to be something other than a God of love.

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In this [current] decline we are to recognize the present action of divine wrath in a process of judicial hardening and withdrawal of restraints, whereby people are given up to their own corrupt preferences and so come to put into practice more and more uninhibitedly the lusts of their sinful hearts.

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 - C. It is all-ending (vs. 14)

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Between us sinners and the thunderclouds of divine wrath stands the cross of the Lord Jesus. If we are Christ's, through faith, then we are justified through his cross, and the wrath will never touch us, neither here nor hereafter. Jesus 'delivers us from the wrath to come' (1 Thess 1:10).

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