

### 30 "I WILLS" FROM HOSEA

(David Murray)

A couple of years ago I was asked to prepare a month of meditations on Hosea for a daily devotional. My initial thought was, "That's impossible. I might manage 5 or 6." But when I got started I was stunned to find so many divine "I wills" in this little prophecy and they became the basis for the 30 meditations that I published over the past few weeks on the blog. Here they are (the thirtieth was this list).

- I will avenge (Hosea 1:4).
- I will hedge up your way with thorns (2:6).
- I will allure her (2:14).
- I will...bring her into the wilderness and speak comfort to her (2:14).
- I will give her vineyards from there, and the valley of Achor for a door of hope (2:15).
- I will take away the names of Baalim out of her mouth (2:17).
- I will make a covenant for them with the beasts of the field (2:18).
- I will betroth you to me (2:19).
- I will betroth you to me forever (2:19).
- I will betroth you to me in righteousness (2:19).
- I will betroth you to me...in judgment (2:19).
- I will betroth you to me...in lovingkindness (2:19).
- I will hear (2:21).
- I will sow her for myself in the earth (2:23).
- I will have mercy upon her that had not obtained mercy (2:23).
- I will say to them which were not my people, You are my people (2:23).
- Because you have rejected knowledge, I will also reject you (4:6).
- Therefore will I change their glory into shame (4:7).
- For I will be to Ephraim as a lion (5:14).
- I will go and return to my place till they acknowledge their offense, and seek my face (5:15).
- I will not execute the fierceness of mine anger (11:9).
  - I will place them in their houses (11:11).
  - I will make you to dwell in tabernacles (12:9).
  - I will be your king (13:10).
  - I will ransom them from the power of the grave (13:14).
  - O death, I will be your plagues (13:14).
  - I will heal their backsliding (14:4).
  - I will love them freely (14:4).
  - I will be as the dew to Israel (14:5).

