

# Hosea 6

## Chapter 6

<sup>1</sup> COME, and let us return unto the LORD: for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up.

<sup>2</sup> After two days will he revive us: in the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight.

<sup>3</sup> Then shall we know, *if* we follow on to know the LORD: his going forth is prepared as the morning; and he shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter *and* former rain unto the earth.

<sup>4</sup> ¶ O Ephraim, what shall I do unto thee? O Judah, what shall I do unto thee? for your goodness *is* as a morning cloud, and as the early dew it goeth away.

<sup>5</sup> Therefore have I hewed *them* by the prophets; I have slain them by the words of my mouth: and thy judgments *are as* the light *that* goeth forth.

<sup>6</sup> For I desired mercy, and not sacrifice; and the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings.

<sup>7</sup> But they like men have transgressed the covenant: there have they dealt treacherously against me.

<sup>8</sup> Gilead *is* a city of them that work iniquity, *and is* polluted with blood.

<sup>9</sup> And as troops of robbers wait for a man, *so* the company of priests murder in the way by consent: for they commit

lewdness.

<sup>10</sup> I have seen an horrible thing in the house of Israel: there *is* the whoredom of Ephraim, Israel is defiled.

<sup>11</sup> Also, O Judah, he hath set an harvest for thee, when I returned the captivity of my people.