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Topic: [The Book of Hosea: You Will Not Find God!](#)  
Text: [Hosea 5:1-15](#)

1. God has given us His general revelation (through creation) and His special revelation (by the Word). Why did God say the children of Israel will not find Him? There are two reasons:
2. (1) The hypocrisy of the Northern Kingdom leaders (v1-7). The leaders led the people to sin against God. They portrayed themselves as pious. They refused to acknowledge the grave issues in their lives because of pride. Know that God cannot be fooled! We must approach Him with clean hands and pure hearts.
3. (2) They were full of worldly philosophy, placing it above God's Word (v8-14). Things that seem harmless may be so deadly. Ephraim sought the Assyrians for help instead of the Lord. It turned out to be poison for them.
4. Let us humble ourselves before God (v15). God is always there. He loves us. He waits for us to seek Him with the right heart, without hypocrisy, pretence, and the world in us.

*“Just as I am, without one plea”*