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**The Lord wants you to live in His light.**

***Hosea 11:10 They will follow the LORD; He will roar like a lion. When He roars, His children will come trembling from the west.***

The LORD has been speaking to the prophet Hosea about the punishment He will bring upon His people for their disobedience. They continually follow their own desires and prostitute themselves out to the “gods” of this world. As the LORD speaks to Hosea, He reminds him that His love for His people has not changed; even in their rebellion. I’ve always heard it said that the LORD hates sin, but He loves the sinner. Aren’t you glad? I sure am.

The most amazing characteristic of the LORD is that He is always willing to forgive. Just read and meditate upon this passage from **Ps. 103:8-14** ***The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will He harbor His anger forever; He does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His love for those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion on His children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear Him; for He knows how we are formed, He remembers that we are dust.***

Hosea then reminds the Hebrew nation that when they again follow the LORD, He will roar like a lion. There is a particular roar that the father lion uses to call his cubs to safety. This is the type of roar that is mentioned by Hosea. When the cubs hear this roar, they will immediately run to the father to be kept safe. This is the roar of protection. The LORD wants to protect you. He desires to watch over you and keep you safe from the enemy. Will you run to the Father?

**Dear LORD, help us to follow You with our whole hearts. Help us to be attentive when You call out to us. I pray that we will run to You and find our safety in Your presence. In Jesus Name, Amen.**