

In Our Spiritual Journey, One of the Most Important Questions We Can Ask God Is:

**"Father, Is My Heart Soft Before You
Or Have I Become Stubborn and
Am I Deceiving Myself Into
Believing That It's Soft?"**



"Yet the Lord warned Israel and Judah by every prophet and every seer, saying, "Turn from your evil ways and keep my commandments and my statutes, ... But they would not listen, but were stubborn, as their fathers had been, who did not believe in the Lord their God."

(2 Kings 17:13-14)

"But Why, God?"

2 Kings 17:1-18

Critical Concept: God alone is God and should be honored as such, and when He is minimized and rejected it ultimately results in judgment of this rejection, even when it is veiled in "religious activity."

I. Hoshea: *The Last King ... the Final Straw.*

A. Hoshea ... *evil, but not as evil as others.*

B. Invaded by an evil enemy.

C. The end of a nation.

II. But Why, God?

A. Israel's specific sins.

B. God's gracious warnings.

C. Israel's true spiritual condition.

What is God Saying to Me? (Personal Application)