

PREFACE

*“As Thy servant told us to gauge ourselves, what is the measure of our treachery and adultery. O God, have mercy upon us. **Please, God. Please change us.** And turn us unto Thee and give us the grace like Jacob of old, who is resolute, who is wholehearted, in turning and striving. **Give us that tenacity not only to pray, but above all, to repent, till our repentance is accepted of Thee; till grace, even the saving grace of God be found in us.** Help us to wait continually. O God, we are so helpless. Thank Thee that Thou art the God in Whom the fatherless findeth mercy. And we can still even call upon Thee. We have sinned grievously against Thee and played the treacherous harlot, even against Christ. Please forgive us of all our sins. But turn us and heal all our backsliding. Deliver us from all our apostate ways. Grant us that grace to fully turn unto Thee. Heal us, O God, that we may be able to be faithful to Christ, and not suffer the ultimate, consuming wrath of God. Like Moses, the man of God, has prayed, we do not want to spend our lives in the wrath of God, as a tale that is told. But satisfy us early with Thy mercy, that we may rejoice all our days, rather than looking at the way we have spent our lives in regret, in lamentation, because of all our treachery. O God, hear our prayers. Thou art the God Who is able to answer the prayers even of the most sinful. We come unto Thee, O God, that Thou would give us the power to turn fully unto Thee! That we may be able to be consecrated and grateful for the manner of love in Christ towards His Church and to us. That we will no more reject this love, but truly receive this love. And may this love indeed move us and change us. But still, O God, we pray unto Thee that Thou would have mercy, despite our insincerities, so much of our hypocrisies, but hear us, O God! Do not give us up! We are liken to ostriches in Thy sight. And we can't help ourselves! Have mercy upon us and all our children. O God, take us as Thy covenanted people. Write Thy law in our hearts and turn us unto Christ fully, O God. Turn us and we shall be turned! We look up to Thee. Please, bless even the preaching of the man of God, all his compassion, labour and love for our souls. God, encourage him, reward him and bless his ministry. Not only upon us, but to all the congregations across the 127 provinces globally. Sometimes we are so sad to see the younger generation struggling. O God, have mercy upon all of us, that our spirits may not be restrained, but that it may work, and convert all Thy people. For we are called by Thy Name. Thank Thee for the promise that says – and we are reminded again in this sermon – if My people, which are called by My name, shall humble themselves, even to confess their sins and turn from their wicked ways, and pray, then Thou would have mercy and forgive their sins and heal their land (2 Chronicles 7:14). It is to this God that we call upon, that Thou would hear us this day. Turn us from all our iniquities. Turn us unto Christ. Let us not play the whore again. Save us, O God, accept our confession and our desire to repent. Please, O God, we truly ask and beseech thee, even in the Name of Thy dear Son, our Lord and Saviour Yeshua Christ.”*

Closing prayer of Zephaniah Soh to pastor's exegesis of the book of Hosea, Part 2 (final), Albin, Teaneck, NJ, USA; 29 July 2018 AD