

The Hound of Heaven

- I. Pursuing Adam **Genesis 3:7-11**
 - A. Nakedness = shame **Revelation 3:18**
 - B. *What do you want?* God provides garments of skins to cover their nakedness and shame. **Genesis 3:21**
- II. Pursuing Jacob
 - A. *What do you want?* A blessing. **Genesis 32:24-26**
- III. Pursuing Israel in the Wilderness
 - A. *What do you want?* Meat and women who are not followers of the true God.
 - B. God allows them to have their own way (“gave them up to their own heart’s lust.”) **Psalms 81:10-12**
- IV. Pursuing David
 - A. *What do you want?* Restoration as requested in **Psalms 51:10-12**
- V. Pursuing the unfaithful lover (Gomer)
 - A. *What do you want?* That which is not good.
 - B. God steps up His program of alluring us. **Hosea 2:14**
- VI. Pursuing the Prodigal Son
 - A. *What do you want?* Give me what I have been deprived of. **Luke 15:12**
 - B. When we see our sorry condition and remember our Father’s love, we “come to our self”, and want to return. **Luke 15:17**
 - C. Our response now to God is “make me”. **Luke 15:19**
- VII. What does God want? He is not willing that any should perish. **2 Peter 3:9**
 - A. But we just want our own way all the time in everything.
- VIII. God always honors our freedom of choice. The frightening aspect of **Romans 1:28**.
- IX. When Jesus comes there will be only two groups of people:
 - A. To the one group God will say that He has done everything possible to save them but they have persistently refused to have anything to do with Him, so He says “*Have your own way*”. But God also says, “*How can I give you up?*” His heart is broken. **Hosea 11:8**
 - B. To the other group who have learned to say, “*Lord, have Thine own way*” He says, “*Come ye blessed of the Father, enter into the joy of Thy Lord*”.