

<sup>1</sup>Come, and let us return unto the LORD: for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up.<sup>2</sup>After two days will he revive us: in the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight.<sup>3</sup>Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the LORD: his going forth is prepared as the morning; and he shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter and former rain unto the earth.<sup>4</sup>O Ephraim, what shall I do unto thee? O Judah, what shall I do unto thee? for your goodness is as a morning cloud, and as the early dew it goeth away.<sup>5</sup>Therefore have I hewed them by the prophets; I have slain them by the words of my mouth: and thy judgments are

as the light that goeth forth.<sup>6</sup>For I desired mercy, and not sacrifice; and the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings.<sup>7</sup>But they like men have transgressed the covenant: there have they dealt treacherously against me.<sup>8</sup>Gilead is a city of them that work iniquity, and is polluted with blood.<sup>9</sup>And as troops of robbers wait for a man, so the company of priests murder in the way by consent: for they commit lewdness.<sup>10</sup>I have seen an horrible thing in the house of Israel: there is the whoredom of Ephraim, Israel is defiled.<sup>11</sup>Also, O Judah, he hath set an harvest for thee, when I returned the captivity of my people.