1. 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.

2. After two days will he revive us: in the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight.

3. Then shall we know, [if] we follow on to know the LORD: his going forth is prepared as the morning, and as the former [and] former rain unto the earth.

4. O Ephraim, what shall I do unto thee? O Judah, what shall I do unto thee? for your goodness [is] as a morning, and as the early dew goeth away.

5. Therefore have I hewed them by the prophets; I have slain them by the words of my mouth: and they judgments [are as] the light [that] goeth forth.

6. For I desired mercy, and not sacrifice; and the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings.

7. But they like men have transgressed the covenant: there have they dealt treacherously in me.

8. Gilead [is] a city of them that work iniquity, [and] is polluted with blood.

9. And as troops of robbers wait for a man, [so] the company of priests murder in the way by consent: for they commit lewdness.

10. I have seen an horrible thing in the house of Israel: there [is] that whoredom of Ephraim, Israel is defiled.