

## Micah: *What Does God Want?*

Series: Major Messages from the "Minor Prophets"

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### Micah 6:1-8

Hear what the Lord says:

Arise, plead your case before the mountains,  
and let the hills hear your voice.

<sup>2</sup>Hear, you mountains, the indictment of the Lord,  
and you enduring foundations of the earth,  
for the Lord has an indictment against his people,  
and he will contend with Israel.

<sup>3</sup>"O my people, what have I done to you?  
How have I wearied you? Answer me!

<sup>4</sup>For I brought you up from the land of Egypt  
and redeemed you from the house of slavery,  
and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.

<sup>5</sup>O my people, remember what Balak king of Moab devised,  
and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him,  
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,  
that you may know the righteous acts of the Lord."

What Does the Lord Require?

<sup>6</sup>"With what shall I come before the Lord,  
and bow myself before God on high?

Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,  
with calves a year old?

<sup>7</sup>Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,  
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?

Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,  
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"

<sup>8</sup>He has told you, O man, what is good;  
and what does the Lord require of you  
but to do justice, and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with your God

Doing Justice

Loving Kindness

Walking Humbly with Your God

May God bless you with discomfort  
at easy answers, half truths, and superficial relationships,  
so that you may live deep within your heart.  
May God bless you with anger  
at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people,  
so that you may work for justice, freedom and peace.  
May God bless you with tears to shed for those  
who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation and war,  
so that you may reach out your hand to comfort them and  
to turn their pain into joy.  
May God bless you with enough foolishness  
to believe that you can make a difference in this world,  
so that you can do what others claim cannot be done.  
And the blessing of God who creates, redeems, and sanctifies  
be upon you and all you love this day and forever more. Amen.

- A Franciscan Benediction