



# Micah 6:1-8

Just Three Things

# The Situation

- The Backstory: God and the Israelites have a deal.

## Deuteronomy 30:15-20

- 1400 BC
- Blessing for Obedience, Discipline for Disobedience

- Fast-Forward 700 years (to 700 BC)

- God has handed Israel into Assyrian hands—northern 10 tribes are judged

- Ahaz, King of Judah, leads the people to do deep evil: 2 Kings 16:1-4

- Enter Isaiah and Micah

- God: “I am coming down there . . .” Micah 1:1-5

# God Takes His People To Court

- ▶ God claims He has been faithful to the Israelites: **Micah 6:1-5**
  - ▶ He brought them out of Egypt and out of Slavery.
  - ▶ He provided supernatural leadership for them in Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.
  - ▶ He blessed them when the Gentiles begged Him to curse them.
  - ▶ Finally, he brought them miraculously into the promised land.
- ▶ **God asks, “What have I done to you? How have I wearied you?”**



# The People Make Their Case

- **By Claiming Ignorance: Micah 6:6**

- God hasn't told them what He requires of them.

- **By Accusing God: Micah 6:7**

- God is impossible to please

- thousands of rams and ten thousand rivers of oil, seriously?

- Or does he want what all the other gods want – human sacrifice?

- **Whoa – a black heart revealed.**



# God Settles the Issue (with surprising gentleness)

- **Yeah, actually, I did tell you what I require** (for example Deuteronomy 10:12-13)
- **And it's JUST THREE THINGS! Micah 6:8**
  - **Do Justice**
  - **Love Kindness**
  - **Walk Humbly with Your God**

# Do Justice

- ▶ **Period.**

- ▶ Not complicated, no loopholes, just do it.

- ▶ **Treat everyone equitably. Give what is due.**

- ▶ But not so fast!

- ▶ Civic justice has been delegated to the government. (Romans 13)

- ▶ Sorry Batman, no vigilantes allowed.

- ▶ Vengeance is God's job. **Romans 12:14-21**

- ▶ **And realize that justice is not limited to matters of crime.**

- ▶ Justice is also giving the alien, the widow, and the orphan their rights.

- ▶ **Deut. 24:17-22**

- ▶ And protecting the needy **Isaiah 10:1-2**



# Love Kindness

➤ Better translated:

➤ **Fall in love with lovingkindness**

Many waters cannot quench love,  
nor will rivers overflow it;

If a man were to give all the riches of his house for love,  
It would be utterly despised. --So 8:7

*AND . . .*

So Jacob served seven years for Rachel and they seemed but a few days  
because of his love for her. – Genesis 29:20

➤ **Lovingkindness is a loyal love that remains – Ps 25:6-7**



# Walk Humbly With Your God

## ➤ Walk with your God

- Continuous Communion – stay close to Him, always: **Deuteronomy 8:1-3**
  - In prayer
  - In thought

## ➤ Humbly

- Better: carefully or cautiously, always looking to Him Who is next to you
  - **Proverbs 9:10**
  - **Isaiah 66:1-2**



He has told you, O man, what is good;  
And what does the LORD require of you but to  
do justice,  
love kindness,  
and walk humbly with your God?

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