

THE GOOD LIFE

THE BOOK OF MICAH



“The Gospel According to Micah”

Micah 7:18-19

Who is a God like You, pardoning iniquity and passing over the transgression of the remnant of His heritage? He does not retain His anger forever, because He delights in mercy. He will again have compassion on us, and will subdue our iniquities. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.

Introduction

Essentially all Old Testament books answer three main questions:

- *What is God's ideal?*
- *How has man failed this ideal?*
- *What will God do to restore that ideal?*

Though Micah is primarily prophesying to Judah and Israel, the message is for ALL people to take heed to.

Micah 1:2

Hear, all ye people; hearken, O earth, and all that therein is: and let the Lord GOD be witness against you, the Lord from His holy temple. For, behold, the LORD cometh forth out of His place, and will come down, and tread upon the high places of the earth.

What is God's Ideal?

- Peace (4:3)
- Blessing (4:4)
- Submission(4:5)
- Justice/Honesty (6:8)
- Mercy (6:8; 7:18)
- Humility (6:8)

How Has Man Failed This Ideal?

- Idolatry/Unfaithfulness (1:5-7; 2:8; 5:13-14)
- Violence (2:1-2; 3:10; 6:12; 7:2)
- Greed (2:8-9; 3:5, 11; 7:3)
- Lying/Dishonesty (2:11; 6:11-12)
- Oppression (3:1-3; 7:4)
- Injustice (3:9; 6:11; 7:3)
- Distrust (7:5-6)

What Will God Do to Restore That Ideal?

He Will Come As:

- The Just/Fair Judge (1:2-3; 5:15; 6:11)
- The Mourning Intercessor (1:8-9)
- The Good Shepherd (2:12-13; 5:4; 7:14)
- The Silent Sovereign (3:4, 6-7)
- The Reigning King (4:1, 7; 5:2)
- The All-Wise Teacher (4:2, 5; 6:8)
- The Ultimate Peacemaker (4:3; 5:5a)
- The Benevolent Leader (4:4, 13)
- The God Incarnate (5:2)
- The Mighty Defender (5:6; 7:15-17)
- The Faithful Covenanter (6:1-5)
- The Loving, Chastening Father (6:9-16)
- The Redeeming Savior (7:7-10)
- The Promise Keeper (7:11-12; 7:20)
- The Merciful Forgiver (7:18-19)

“The scarlet thread binds God’s people to His promises. Because of that, the hope of worldwide peace and liberating leadership in the kingdom age also exists here and now for the believer in Christ, the one who commits his or her life to the leadership of Jesus. Let Him lead you, meet your needs, and give you rest. He won’t fail you, and one day, the whole world will recognize what a Good Shepherd you have.” — Skip Heitzig, *Bloodline*, page 135