



THE THREAD

weaving Sunday's message through the week

Date: November 8, 2020

Passage: Micah 3–5

Theme: Justice in Uncertain Times

Main Idea: We can rest, assured that our God is at work for his glory and our good.

What is God doing? Assuring truths of God's activity in uncertain times

1. God holds leadership responsible for their treatment of others (3:1–12)
 - a. Politically, leaders who do evil rather than good for those under them will not find God on their side (3:1–4).
 - b. Religiously, leaders who serve only for their own gain will lose God's word (3:5–8).
 - c. In general, violent and unjust leaders that self-deceivingly believe God is with them will lead their people to destruction (3:9–12).
2. God calls his people to demonstrate their faith in him by following him as leader (4:1–8). Why? For the following escalating reasons:
 - a. God will establish his kingdom rule (4:1)
 - b. The nations will turn to God (4:2)
 - c. God will establish peace among the nations (4:3–4)
 - d. God's people will find their satisfaction in him (4:5–8)
3. God fulfills his word to give hope to those who rely on him (4:9–5:9)
 - a. In the midst of crises, God works his plan of deliverance (4:9–5:6)
 - b. In the end, he will demonstrate his power by elevating his faithful followers (5:7–9)
4. God will destroy all those things that people turn to for security (5:10–15):
 - a. Military strength (5:10–11)
 - b. False idols (5:12–14)
 - c. Misguided Understanding of his word (5:15)

Application Questions:

- From Micah 3, list and discuss the characteristics of leadership God despises. Why are we prone to look past some of these things in our following of ungodly leadership?

- In Micah 4:1–8, God describes a time when he will lead his people. How do we see and experience this leadership today?

- From its place within its surrounding context, in what ways does the coming of Jesus (5:2) provide us hope in the midst of crises and uncertainty?

- What competes with God as a source of security in your life (5:10–15)? How can these be overcome?

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