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MICAH

SEEK JUSTICE • LOVE MERCY • WALK HUMBLLY

REQUIREMENT

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MICAH

THREE DIVISIONS OF OUR PASSAGE

- LISTEN
- REMEMBER
- REQUIRE

MICAH


¹ Now listen to what the Lord is saying: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your complaint. ² Listen to the Lord's lawsuit, you mountains and enduring foundations of the earth, because the Lord has a case against his people, and he will argue it against Israel. ³ My people, what have I done to you, or how have I wearied you? Testify against me!

LISTEN

- PLEAD V.1
- COMPLAINT V.1
- CASE/QUARREL V.2
- ARGUE V.2
- TESTIFY V.3

WHAT HAVE I DONE TO YOU?
HOW HAVE I WEARIED YOU?

CENTRAL ISSUE:
GOD'S PEOPLE ARE NOT LIVING
OUT THEIR END OF THE
COVENANT RELATIONSHIP!

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⁵ My people, remember ...

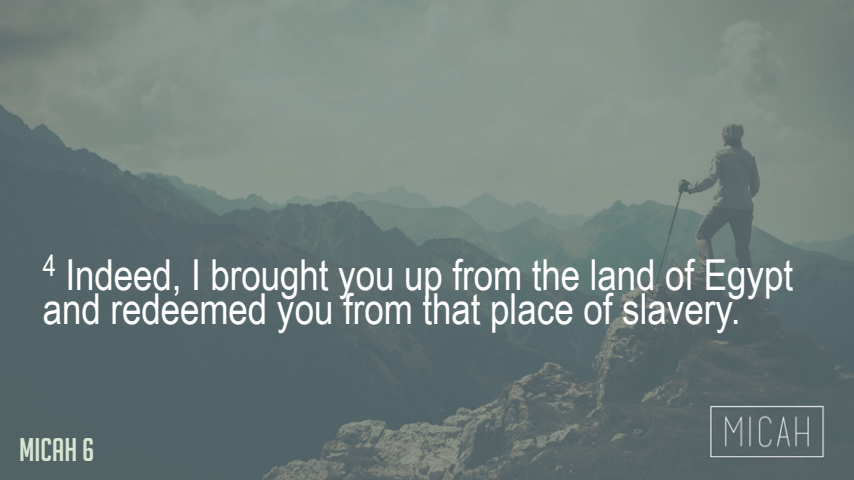
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REMEMBER... REMEMBER WHAT?

WHAT I HAVE DONE FOR YOU

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⁴ Indeed, I brought you up from the land of Egypt
and redeemed you from that place of slavery.

REMEMBER

- REDEMPTION FROM EGYPT



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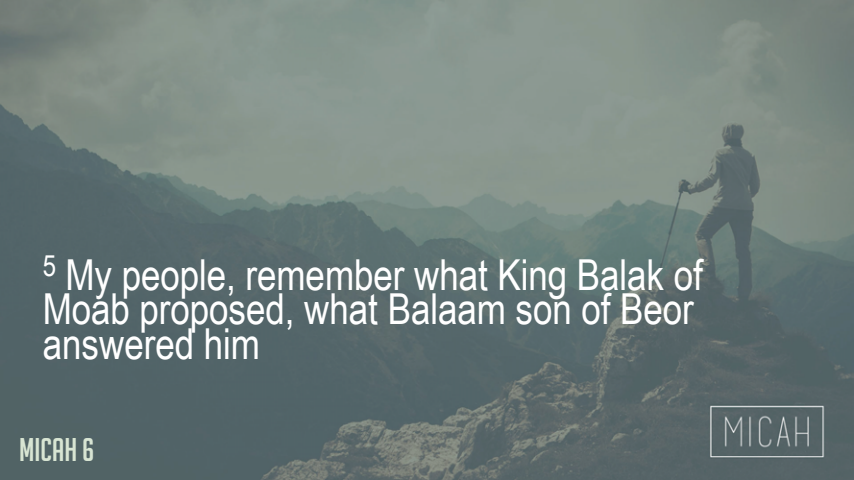
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⁴ I sent Moses, Aaron, and Miriam ahead of you.

REMEMBER

- REDEMPTION FROM EGYPT
- LEADERS

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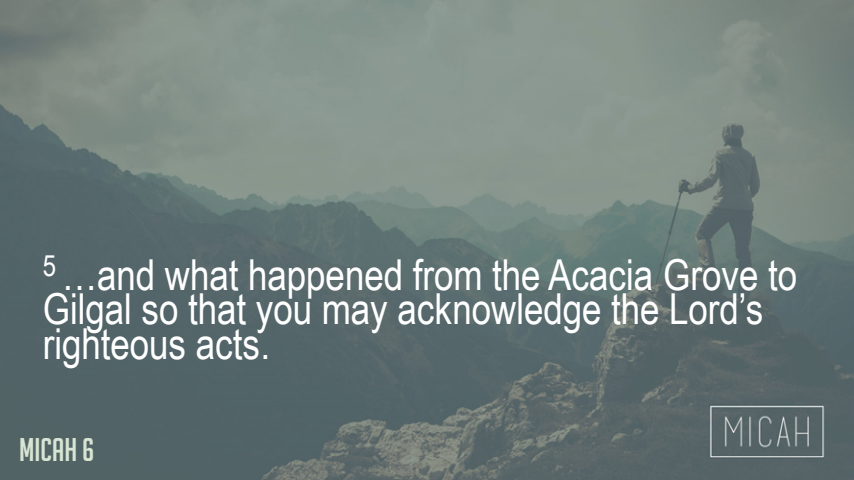
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⁵ My people, remember what King Balak of Moab proposed, what Balaam son of Beor answered him

REMEMBER

- REDEMPTION FROM EGYPT
- LEADERS
- PROTECTION FROM THE CURSE

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⁵ ...and what happened from the Acacia Grove to Gilgal so that you may acknowledge the Lord's righteous acts.

REMEMBER

- REDEMPTION FROM EGYPT
- LEADERS
- PROTECTION FROM THE CURSE
- CONQUEST OF CANAAN ~ JERICO !

MICAH

NOTICE THE ABRUPT ENDING AND TRANSITION!

IT IS AS THOUGH GOD HAS SAID..

"I REST MY CASE!"

THE TRANSITION THEN MOVES THE PROPHET
BACK TO SPEAK AS GOD'S PEOPLE.

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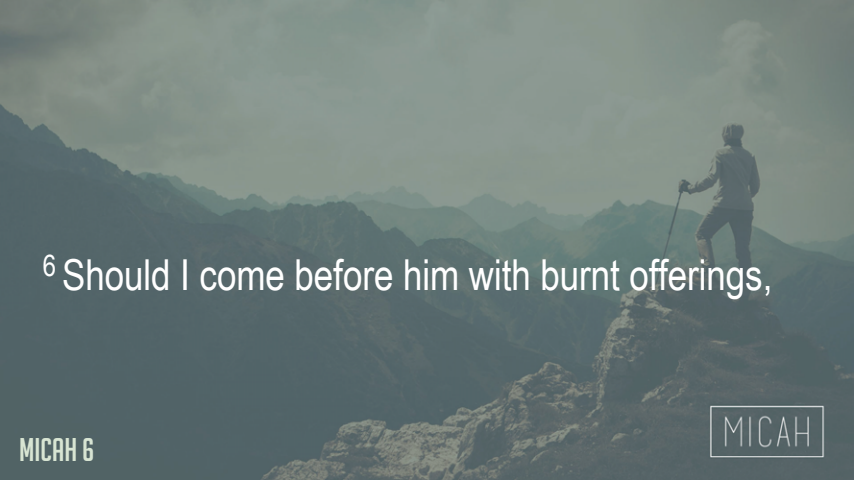
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“What should I bring before the Lord?”

SARCASTICALLY? MAYBE!

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⁶ Should I come before him with burnt offerings,

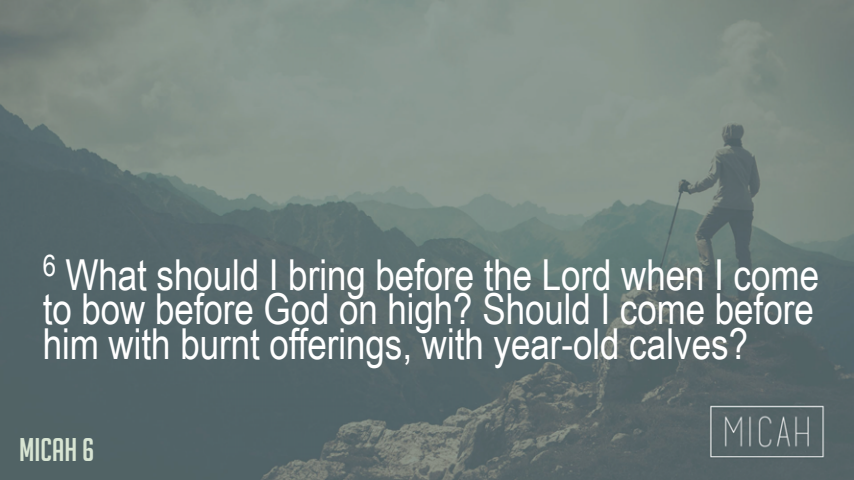
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WHAT SHOULD I BRING BEFORE THE LORD?

1. EXTERNAL ~ BURNT OFFERINGS V.6

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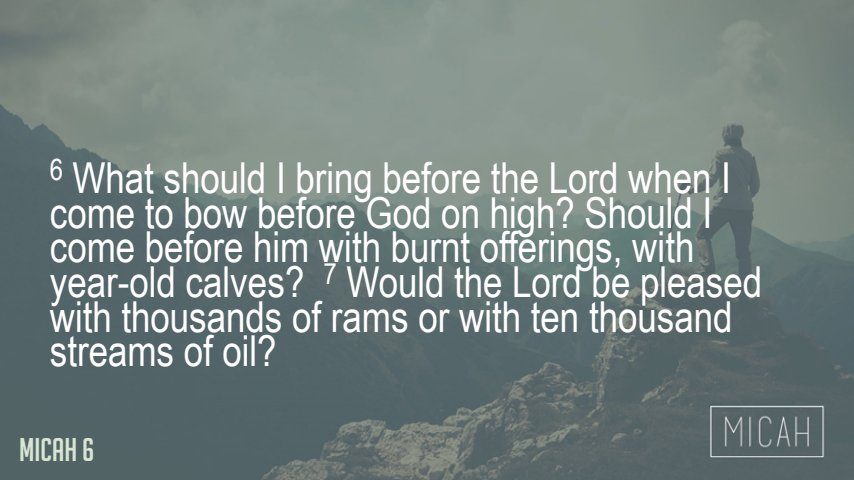
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2. THE "BEST" ~ YEAR-OLD CALVES V.6

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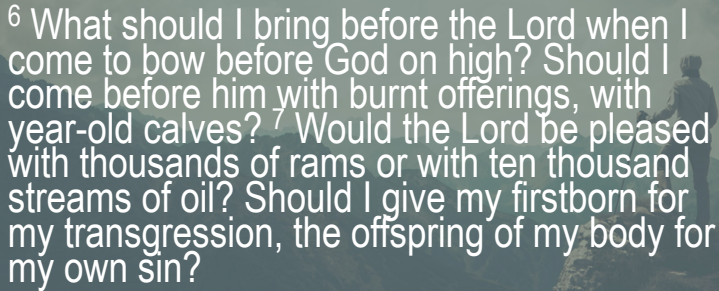
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3. "MORE" ~ 1,000'S OR 10,000'S V.7

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⁶ What should I bring before the Lord when I come to bow before God on high? Should I come before him with burnt offerings, with year-old calves? ⁷ Would the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams or with ten thousand streams of oil? Should I give my firstborn for my transgression, the offspring of my body for my own sin?

WHAT SHOULD I BRING BEFORE THE LORD?

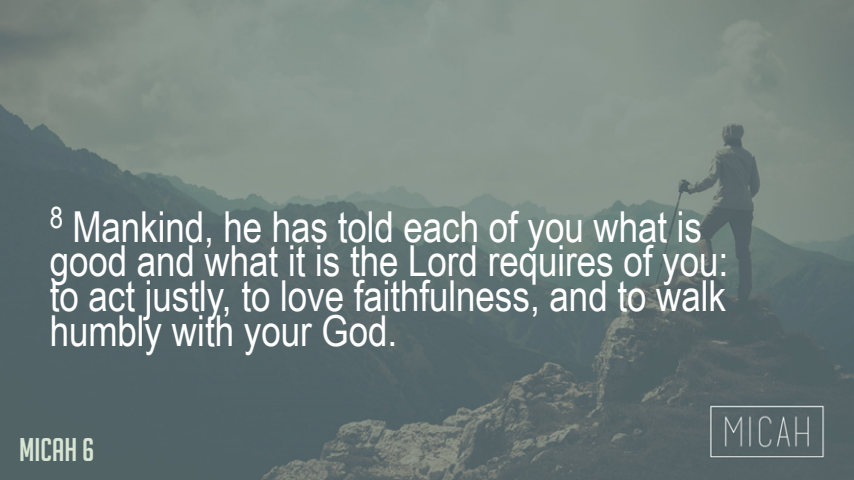
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4. THE "ULTIMATE" ~ MY FIRSTBORN V.7

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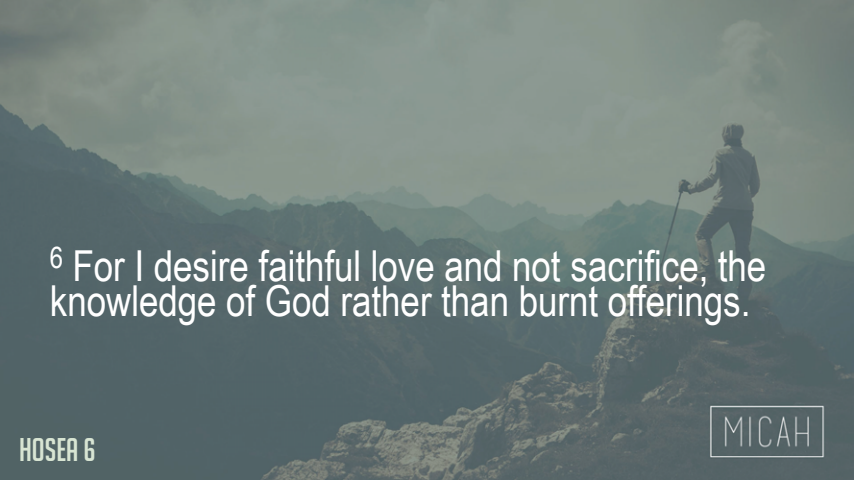
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REQUIRES

MICAH



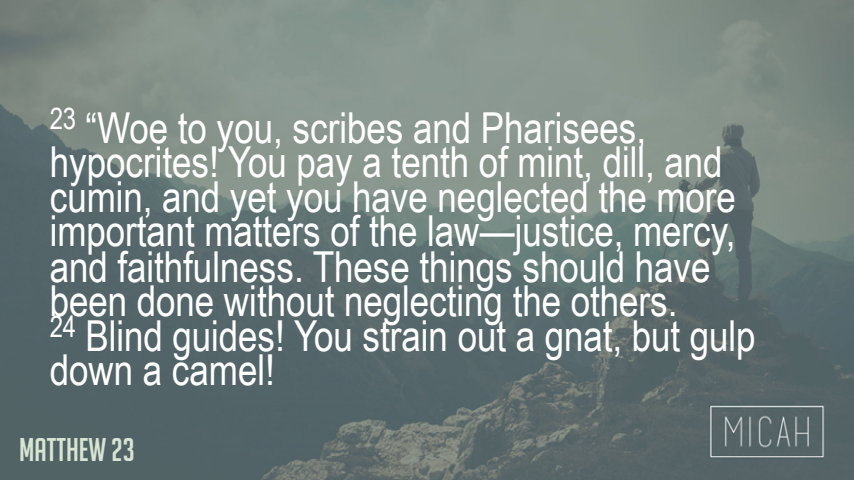
⁸ Mankind, he has told each of you what is good and what it is the Lord requires of you: to act justly, to love faithfulness, and to walk humbly with your God.



⁶ For I desire faithful love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

HOSEA 6

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A person is standing on a rocky mountain peak, looking out over a vast valley. The person is wearing a dark jacket and a hat, and is holding a walking stick. The background shows rolling hills and a cloudy sky. The overall tone is somber and contemplative.

²³ “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! You pay a tenth of mint, dill, and cumin, and yet you have neglected the more important matters of the law—justice, mercy, and faithfulness. These things should have been done without neglecting the others.

²⁴ Blind guides! You strain out a gnat, but gulp down a camel!

ACT JUSTLY

- DO; MAKE; MANUFACTURE
- JUST/RIGHT THINGS!

MICAH

LOVE FAITHFULNESS "MERCY"

- "CHESED OR HESED" - KINDNESS, MERCY, STEADFAST LOVE, LOVING - KINDNESS
- COVENANT/ OBLIGATION/ RECIPROCAL
- RELATIONSHIP VS COVENANT
~ WHICH ONE IS FIRST/PRIMARY
- VERTICAL ASPECT
- HORIZONTAL ASPECT
- CANNOT SEPARATE THE VERTICAL AND HORIZONTAL ASPECTS OF "HESED"

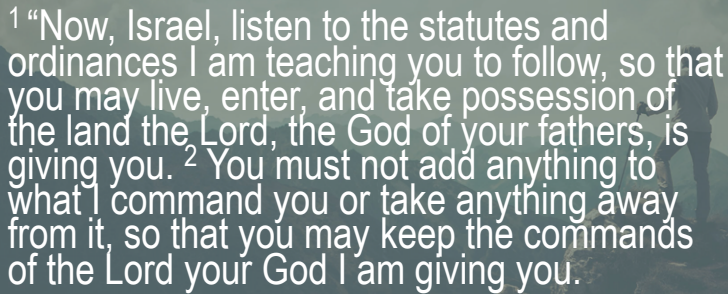


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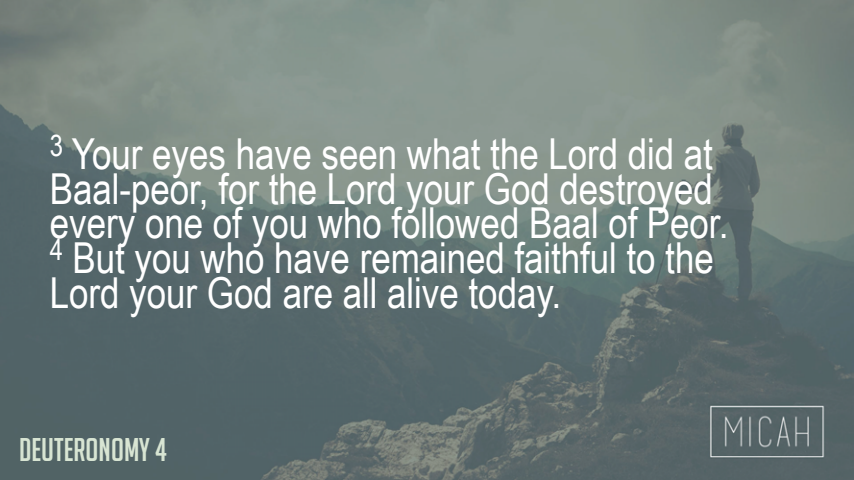
WALK HUMBLY WITH YOUR GOD

- WALK WITH IS RELATIONAL. IT IS INTIMATE. GOD IS NOT DISTANT IF YOU CAN "WALK" WITH HIM!
- IT IS THE MANNER OF THE WALK THAT IS IMPORTANT TO GOD AS WELL:
- HUMILITY
- WISELY OR WITH WISDOM
- CAREFULLY

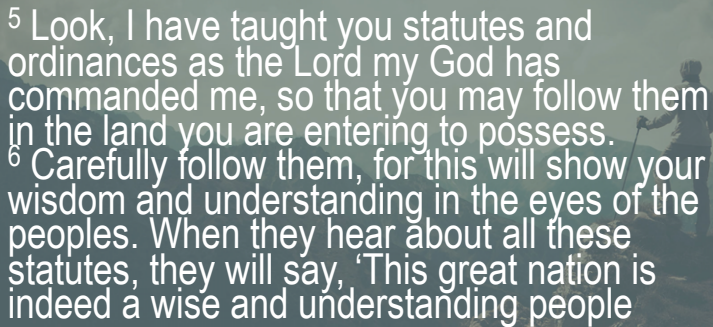
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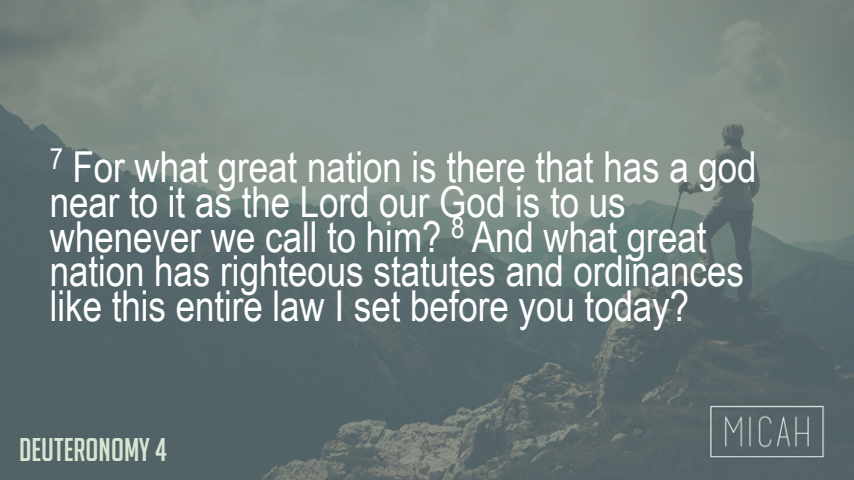
¹ “Now, Israel, listen to the statutes and ordinances I am teaching you to follow, so that you may live, enter, and take possession of the land the Lord, the God of your fathers, is giving you. ² You must not add anything to what I command you or take anything away from it, so that you may keep the commands of the Lord your God I am giving you.

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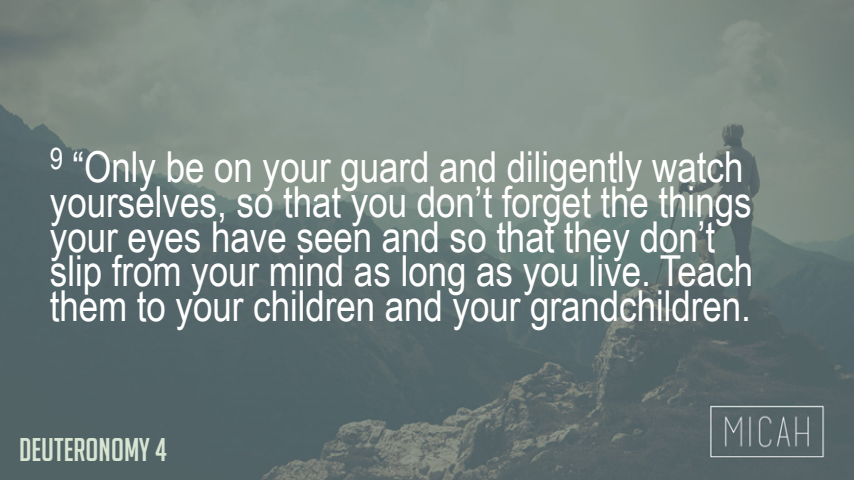
³ Your eyes have seen what the Lord did at Baal-peor, for the Lord your God destroyed every one of you who followed Baal of Peor.
⁴ But you who have remained faithful to the Lord your God are all alive today.

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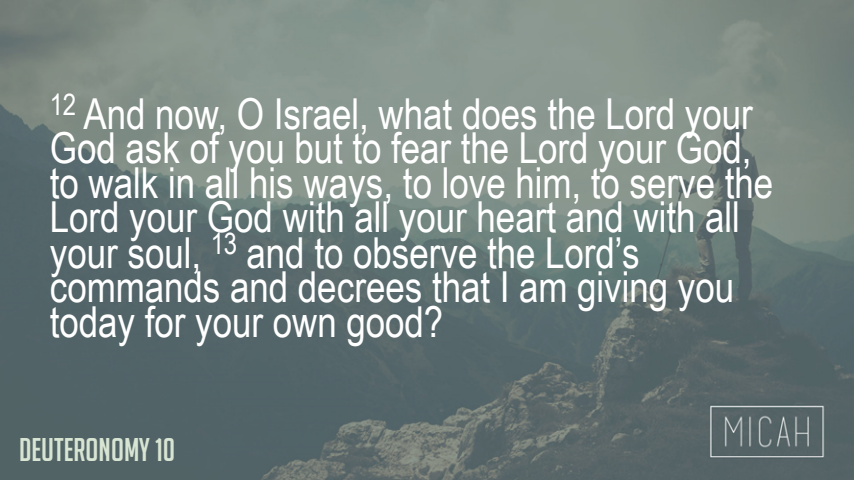
⁵ Look, I have taught you statutes and ordinances as the Lord my God has commanded me, so that you may follow them in the land you are entering to possess.
⁶ Carefully follow them, for this will show your wisdom and understanding in the eyes of the peoples. When they hear about all these statutes, they will say, 'This great nation is indeed a wise and understanding people'

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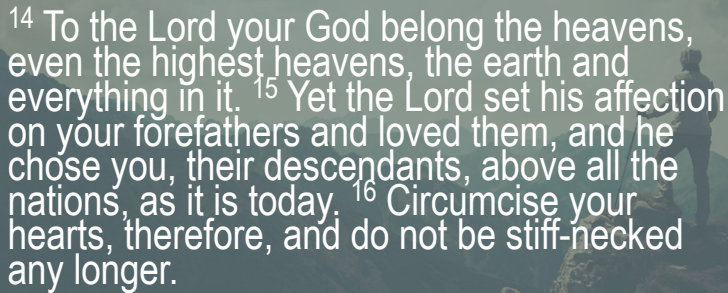
⁷ For what great nation is there that has a god near to it as the Lord our God is to us whenever we call to him? ⁸ And what great nation has righteous statutes and ordinances like this entire law I set before you today?

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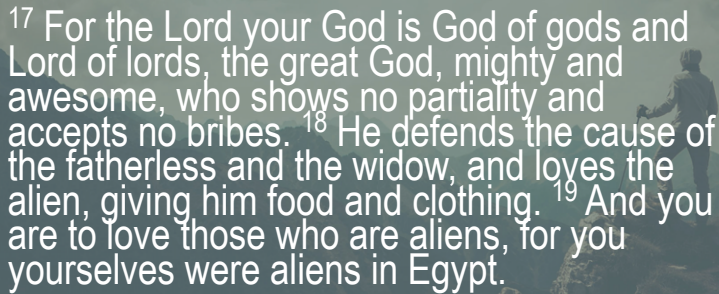
⁹ “Only be on your guard and diligently watch yourselves, so that you don’t forget the things your eyes have seen and so that they don’t slip from your mind as long as you live. Teach them to your children and your grandchildren.

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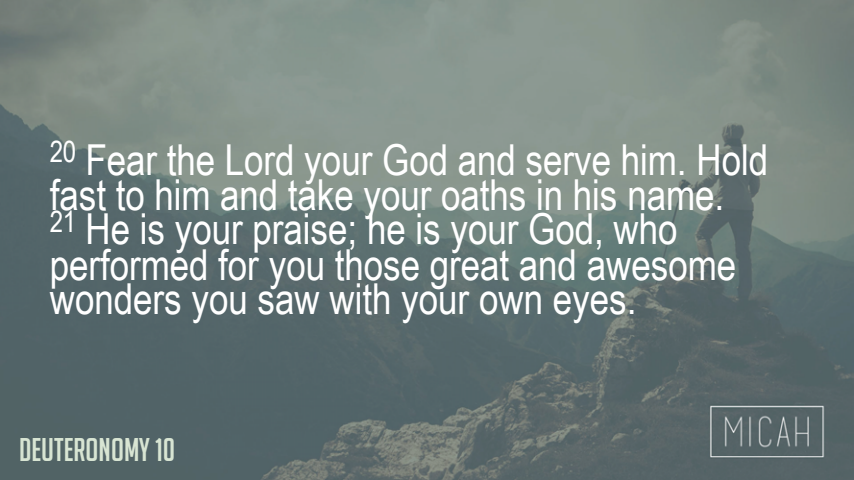
¹² And now, O Israel, what does the Lord your God ask of you but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, ¹³ and to observe the Lord's commands and decrees that I am giving you today for your own good?

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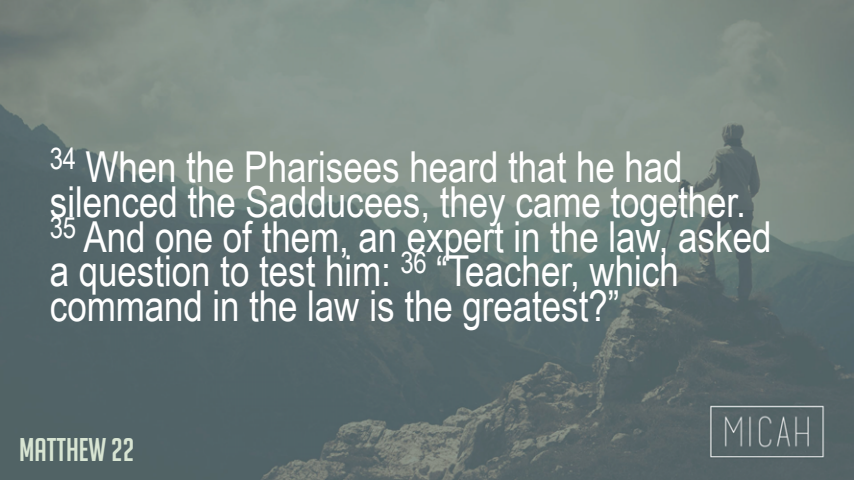
¹⁴ To the Lord your God belong the heavens, even the highest heavens, the earth and everything in it. ¹⁵ Yet the Lord set his affection on your forefathers and loved them, and he chose you, their descendants, above all the nations, as it is today. ¹⁶ Circumcise your hearts, therefore, and do not be stiff-necked any longer.

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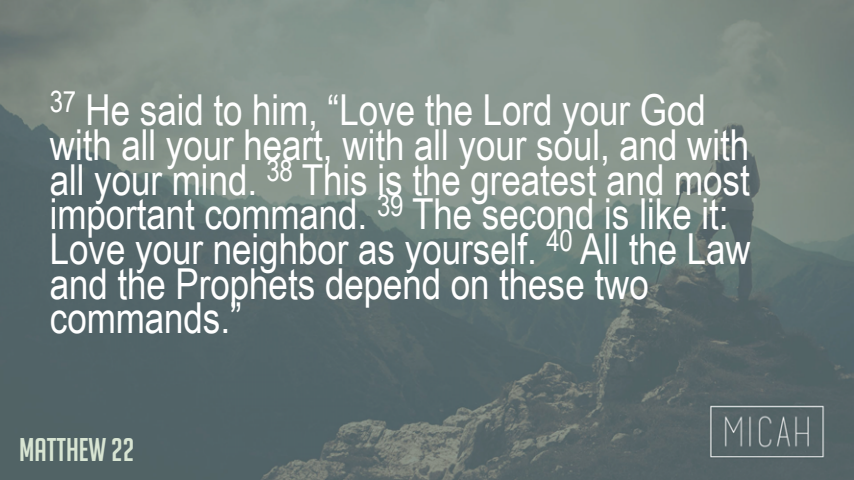
¹⁷ For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who shows no partiality and accepts no bribes. ¹⁸ He defends the cause of the fatherless and the widow, and loves the alien, giving him food and clothing. ¹⁹ And you are to love those who are aliens, for you yourselves were aliens in Egypt.

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²⁰ Fear the Lord your God and serve him. Hold fast to him and take your oaths in his name.
²¹ He is your praise; he is your God, who performed for you those great and awesome wonders you saw with your own eyes.

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³⁴ When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they came together.
³⁵ And one of them, an expert in the law, asked a question to test him: ³⁶ “Teacher, which command in the law is the greatest?”

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³⁷ He said to him, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. ³⁸ This is the greatest and most important command. ³⁹ The second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. ⁴⁰ All the Law and the Prophets depend on these two commands.”

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