



**Sermon Title:** Micah week 4  
**Sermon Title:** Even in Darkness  
**Date:** 9/4/2022

## **Micah 7**

Micah lived in the fortified city, Moresheth, on the lower border of Judah. His city was about 20 miles southwest of Jerusalem – the Capital of Judah. Micah is living through dark times of the invading armies of the Assyrian Empire, attempting to besiege the capital cities of Samaria and Jerusalem. These were Dark days for God's people as they were experiencing God's discipline because of their sin of idolatry and chasing after false gods.

**Big Idea:** Stay close to God; even in the darkness

There are a number of responses we can exercise in the midst of the darkness:

**Make an honest assessment of your situation**

### **Micah 7:1**

Micah knows the time he's living in. He describes it in one word, picture after another – he is exhausted, the people left around him he describes as having hands, only so that they can do evil really well, and all the God-followers are gone. The enemies aren't the Assyrians anymore – Micah's own people are all sharp as swords, each person's family members are the enemy, they hunt one another and abuse each other. All fueled by the people's rejection of the one true God.

**Both: Seek and Wait on God**

### **Micah 7.7**

Who does Micah look to? Who is he seeking –YAHWEH – the God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob. Micah waits, reassured that God is going to act. He has no doubts God is listening to him, and Micah goes on to talk about how God will lift him up when he falls and will bring him from the darkness Into the Lord's light.

God is LORD even over the darkness. He is unstoppable.

Micah is willing to seek and wait because he knows the promises of God, promises of a faithful remnant of people, promises of deliverance and blessing.

**Confess WITH assurance**

**Micah 7.9**

Micah is expressing what you may already experience: when we sin, there are consequences. A brokenness with God, a separation from others in our lives, and sometimes even bodily consequences. Fortunately, Jesus has already taken up our case – the enemy (the grave) has been destroyed by His resurrection, and the punishment for sin (your death) was paid at the cross.

Sin Confessed and Turned away from is healing to a person's soul. Confession allows a person the freedom to change their thoughts and behaviors – knowing confession doesn't bring condemnation but a deeper assurance of salvation.

**Ask boldly for God to act.**

**Micah 7.14**

Micah is asking boldly for God to rule again in his land. Here's Micah speaking to God about the mighty deeds God did in the past: "Do them again!" Make the nations fear you as they did when the Egyptians were crushed. Come, Lord, Come!

Here is the heart of God's prophetic message – here in Micah, and in many of the other prophets, including the Revelation to John. **Revelation 22.17 & 20.**

**Believe in God's Merciful Character**

**Micah 7:18-20**

If you are a believer in Jesus – YOU are now one of God's "People" – your sins are forgiven, and from an eternal viewpoint - all of HIS Characteristics are yours to enjoy! God's Characteristics are permanent! HE NEVER CHANGES.

And no matter what we face in life, the troubles are temporary and shrink to proper proportions when we meditate on God's Characteristics.

### **Discussion Questions:**

- What about the sermon stuck with you this week? What part challenged your thinking?
- Sin Confessed and Turned away from is healing to a person's soul. Is there ever a time when a person should not confess sin? Explain
- What difference does it make knowing God is with you through dark times?
- What does it mean to trust God through a difficult situation?
- Have you ever felt that God was ignoring your difficult situation? What scripture verses strengthened you during that time?
- Where do you need God to show up in your life today?