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Micah 6:1-8

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"Everyone is a theologian. The question is whether you're a good theologian or a poor one." R.C. Sproul

2025 State of Theology Survey

(Participants strongly agree with the following four statements)

1. The Bible is the highest authority for what I believe
2. It is very important for me personally to encourage non-Christians to trust Jesus Christ as their Savior.
3. Jesus Christ's death on the cross is the only sacrifice that could remove the penalty of my sin.
4. Only those who trust in Jesus Christ alone as their Savior receive God's free gift of eternal salvation.

44% of Evangelicals

Disagree that the Bible has the authority to tell us what we must do.

48% of Evangelicals

Agree that the Bible, like all sacred writings, contains helpful accounts of ancient myths but is not literally true.

44% of Evangelicals

Disagree that the Bible is 100% accurate in all that it teaches.

49% of Evangelicals

Agree that Jesus was a great teacher, but he was not God.

71% of Evangelicals

Disagree that even the smallest sin deserves eternal damnation.

74% of Evangelicals

Agree that everyone is born innocent in the eyes of God.

30% of Evangelicals

Agree that God is unconcerned with my day-to-day decisions.

Realistically, a large percentage of Christians don't actually know the good that God has told us.

God reminds them of His love by recalling what He has done and what He has said.

“And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God require 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, and to keep the commandments and statutes of the LORD, which I am commanding you today for your good?” Deuteronomy 10:12-13

God has done more for us than we could ever deserve, much less require.

God reminds Israel that they are in a covenant relationship with Him, and covenant relationships come with covenant responsibilities.

“With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?” Micah 6:6-7

On the surface, their response seems appropriate, but the problem with their response is that its a shallow response that reveals their hearts.

God doesn't just want people who are willing to do some religious things. God wants people who will do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with Him.

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1. God doesn't want you to have some religious opinions and do some religious things, God wants you in a real relationship with Him through Jesus.
2. God wants you to do the right thing yourself.
3. God wants you to grow in your love and consistency in being kind and merciful.

“When pride comes, then comes disgrace, but with the humble is wisdom.” Proverbs 11:2

“Wisdom is not simply true sentences; wisdom is the development of our character toward Christ. It is thinking, feeling, and choosing rightly in situations too varied for the Bible to address specifically.” - Samuel James

4. God wants you to live the rest of your life, including the day-to-day decisions, relationships, and pursuits, the way that he wants you to.

God has told us to carefully live the way that He wants us to because He loves us and we love Him too.