

Micah 6:1-16

God's justice is Intentional **&** Specific

Micah 6:1-5

- God is holding Court and Israel is on Trial
 - He has given his Testimony of what he has done for the Nation
 - He brought them out of Egypt
 - Gave them people, prophets, and Priests
 - Caused their enemies curses to become blessings
 - They entered his rest in the promise land

Micah 6:6-7

- Burnt offerings symbolized someones dedication to God
 - They die to Yahweh in submission but gave an animal to die in their stead symbolic of their dedication
- No matter the sacrifice it is not enough, because that is not what God is asking for
 - He is asking for Love and Obedience

Micah 6:9-10

- The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom (Prov 1:7) because it identifies that we stand in condemnation before God
 - God is disciplining Israel because they do not see their own condemnation and the grace and mercy God has extended to them in spite of their sinfulness

Micah 6:11-14

- God's deliberation - He cannot just let these things be pardoned
 - They have become so wicked that there is hardly anything redeemable left in them as a nation
 - They have lived in his Protection, Provision and Blessing
 - **But that wasn't enough, so they pursued wickedness**
- So to discipline Israel, God is going to take those things away
 - They will become desolate
 - They will be removed from the promise land (Provision)
 - They will have no possessions of their own (Blessing)
 - They will no longer be free (Protection)
 - They will be in a constant state of Wanting
 - Sign of disobedience (Lev 26:26)
 - This is the way of the world - seeking sin and always unsatisfied

What does this mean for New Testament People?

- We have to learn from the nation of Israel
 - We stand before God completely Condemned (Rom 6:26)
 - No sacrifice would be sufficient to cover our unrighteousness
 - Just like with Israel
 - God's requirements of devotion are unchanged
 - We are to still die to self in devotion to God
 - We are still to walk in Love and obedience (Micah 6:6-7)
- God's Justice is Intentional & Specific but it was carried out and satisfied with CHRIST
 - 1 John 4:7-18
- Salvation is applied to those who Repent and Believe
 - Roman 10:9