

## January 21

**Micah 6:8 (NIV)** He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does he Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly<sup>[a]</sup> with your God.

These past few weeks, we have seen history in the making. I share with my students that they are seeing history as it unfolds, but, even more important, they are participants in that history. As we discussed the inauguration, we brought up the point that it is difficult to spot history when we are a part of it. My students were interested, but, at the same time, they had other concerns that demanded their attention. While some people – such as the Wright brothers, Edison, John Glenn – realize they are making history, for most of us, history becomes so wrapped up in our daily lives that we often cannot see the import of the times. Did Abraham know that when he left Ur that he was making history? Did Joseph realize the importance of his being sold into slavery or was he more concerned about being a slave? Did David realize that fighting a lion to protect his sheep was practice for being king? I do not think they did. Therefore, how do we prepare ourselves for such events?

As these thoughts were going through my mind, the clergy were praying at the inauguration. In their prayers, they gave President Trump and all of us some excellent advice. Suddenly, I thought, “What advice would I give our new president?” This question quickly became, “What advice would I give anyone that would or could prepare him or her for a history they cannot see?” Abraham, Joseph, and David had no idea they would become part of God’s history. Therefore, we need to be ready every day. We do this by living each day with God. We follow Jesus. Therefore, my best advice would be to take Micah’s advice. God requires us to act justly in all that we do with everyone. He wants us to love mercy. We are to love it so much that we want to spread it around. Finally, He wants us to walk humbly with Him because He is the author of all history. No matter who we are – a teacher in a small town or president of the greatest country – this is how we are to live our lives. When we do, we will see healing come to us, our families, and our nation.