A Move of God to save the lost

**Micah 7:17**—*They shall lick the dust like a serpent, they shall move out of their holes like worms of the earth: they shall be afraid of the LORD our God, and shall fear because of thee.*

A picture of men falling flat on their face trying to crawl into holes but drawn out by a move of God and the fear of God.

1. Some save by His right hand (by His power, strength and authority)

Ps 60:5—*That thy beloved may be delivered; save with thy right hand, and hear me.*

108:6—*That thy beloved may be delivered: save with thy right hand, and answer me.* (bear witness to my prayer and testimony)

John 1:8*—He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light.*

15:27—*And ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning.*

18:37*—Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth* ***heareth my voice****.*

1John 1:2*—(For the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;)*

2Cor. 4:10*—Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body.*

11*—For we which live are alway delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh.*

Isa 63:1—*Who is this that cometh from Edom, with dyed garments from Bozrah? this that is glorious in his apparel, travelling in the greatness of his strength? I that speak in righteousness,* ***mighty to save****.*

Acts 1:8—*But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.*

1. Some save with fear

Jude 1:23 And others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh.

**Acts 20:24**—*But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God.*

23:11*—And the night following the Lord stood by him, and said, Be of good cheer, Paul: for as thou hast testified of me in Jerusalem, so must thou bear witness also at Rome.*

Mic 7:1—*Woe is me! for I am as when they have gathered the summer fruits, as the grapegleanings of the vintage: there is no cluster to eat: my soul desired the firstripe fruit.*

2*—The good man is perished out of the earth: and there is none upright among men: they all lie in wait for blood; they hunt every man his brother with a net.*

1. A hunger for an old time gathering of the first ripe fruit.
   1. The first ripe are to be a testimony to many.
      1. You will either perform the truth or be taken by deception
      2. You will either partake of his divine nature or be taken over by the carnal nature
   2. Many times the first ripe rot before the rest are completely harvested

Hosea 9:10—*I found Israel like grapes in the wilderness; I saw your fathers as the firstripe in the fig tree at her first time: but they went to Baalpeor, and separated themselves unto that shame; and their abominations were according as they loved.*

1. The first to ripe must be given to Glorify God.
2. The first to ripe must testify the truth
3. The first to ripe must testify His Divine nature
   1. His mercy

Micah 7:20*—Thou wilt perform the truth to Jacob, and the mercy to Abraham, which thou hast sworn unto our fathers from the days of old.*

Micah 7:7—*Therefore I will look unto the LORD; I will wait for the God of my salvation: my God will hear me.*

8*—Rejoice not against me, O mine enemy: when I fall, I shall arise; when I sit in darkness, the LORD shall be a light unto me.*

9*—I will bear the indignation of the LORD, because I have sinned against him, until he plead my cause, and execute judgment for me: he will bring me forth to the light, and I shall behold his righteousness*.

15—*According to the days of thy coming out of the land of Egypt will I shew unto him marvellous things.*

Jer. 16:14—*Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that it shall no more be said, The LORD liveth, that brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt;*

15*—But, The LORD liveth, that brought up the children of Israel from the land of the north, and from all the lands whither he had driven them: and I will bring them again into their land that I gave unto their fathers.*

16*—Behold, I will send for many fishers, saith the LORD, and they shall fish them; and after will I send for many hunters, and they shall hunt them from every mountain, and from every hill, and out of the holes of the rocks.*

1. Some that have been snared by the net of deception can be saved by the gospel net

Micah 7:2—*The good man is perished out of the earth: and there is none upright among men: they all lie in wait for blood; they hunt every man his brother with a net.*

Habakkuk 1:15*—They take up all of them with the angle, they catch them in their net, and gather them in their drag: therefore they rejoice and are glad.*

Amos 4:2*—The Lord GOD hath sworn by his holiness, that, lo, the days shall come upon you, that he will take you away with hooks, and your posterity with fishhooks.*

2Tim. 3:13*—But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.*

C. God pleading with Israel

6:1-16

1. “Controversy”

6:2

The attributes of God have been rejected.

2. “O My people”

6:3

God’s word pleading for their repentance

a. What have I done unto thee?

b. Wherein have I wearied thee?

c. Testify against Me

6:3-5

3. Israel’s response

6:6, 7

a. Insincere hearts

b. Insufficient sacrifices

c. Offering to give quantity but not obedience

to what God requires

d. God’s requirement rejected

6:8

(1) “He hath shewed thee”

(a) Do justly

(b) Love mercy

(c) Walk humbly with thy God

4. God’s word chastising for repentance

6:9

a. The rod of correction

6:9

b. The rod of separation

7:14

6:1 “Hear ye now” or 6:9 “Hear ye the rod”

----God is pleading---

5. God’s word is pleading against their wickedness

6:10-16

D. God pardons Israel

7:18

1. The results when truth is rejected

7:1-6

a. Selfish and unthankful

7:1

b. Ungodliness, unrighteousness, violence and

deception

7:2

c. Judgment is perverted when evil reigns

7:3

d. Persecution and perplexity

7:4

e. Untrustworthy and unfaithful

7:5

Even your friend, guide or spouse

f. Dishonoring parents

7:6

g. Trodden down as the mire of the streets

7:10

2. The results of faith

7:7-13

a. “I will look unto the Lord”

7:7

Hope restored

b. “I will wait”

7:7,9

(1) Submission to His chastening

(2) Submission to His counsel

(3) Submission to His character

c. “My God will hear me”

7:7-13

d. Intercessory prayer

7:14-20

e. God pardons

7:18

3. The results when all truth is performed

All truth must be performed

a. God doesn’t violate His word

b. God doesn’t violate His nature

c. God is perfect

(1) Ready to forgive

7:18

(2) Delights in mercy

7:18

(3) Compassionate

7:19

(4) Remembers His covenant

7:20

• “Who is a God like unto Thee” •

Mic 7:14 ¶ Feed thy people with thy rod, the flock of thine heritage, which dwell solitarily in the wood, in the midst of Carmel: let them feed in Bashan and Gilead, as in the days of old.

Jer 24:1 The LORD shewed me, and, behold, two baskets of figs were set before the temple of the LORD, after that Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon had carried away captive Jeconiah the son of Jehoiakim king of Judah, and the princes of Judah, with the carpenters and smiths, from Jerusalem, and had brought them to Babylon.

2 One basket had very good figs, even like the figs that are first ripe: and the other basket had very naughty figs, which could not be eaten, they were so bad.

3 Then said the LORD unto me, What seest thou, Jeremiah? And I said, Figs; the good figs, very good; and the evil, very evil, that cannot be eaten, they are so evil.

4 Again the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

5 Thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel; Like these good figs, so will I acknowledge them that are carried away captive of Judah, whom I have sent out of this place into the land of the Chaldeans for their good.

6 For I will set mine eyes upon them for good, and I will bring them again to this land: and I will build them, and not pull them down; and I will plant them, and not pluck them up.

7 And I will give them an heart to know me, that I am the LORD: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God: for they shall return unto me with their whole heart.