

Micah's Lesson

Week of Dec. 23 - 29, 2019

Introduction

The Prophet Micah lived in the 8th century BC. God's people had been divided into two kingdoms, Israel to the North and Judah to the south. Micah spoke words of caution and comfort to both. Religious leaders have become self-satisfied and powerful and are not listening to God or the average person. God is upset with his people and wishes to have a discussion with them. Micah pours out his heart and echoes the passion which the Lord has for his people.

Lesson Micah 6:1-8

Listen to what the LORD says:

"Stand up, plead my case before the mountains;
let the hills hear what you have to say.

²"Hear, you mountains, the LORD's accusation;
listen, you everlasting foundations of the earth.

For the LORD has a case against his people;
he is lodging a charge against Israel.

³"My people, what have I done to you?
How have I burdened you? Answer me.

⁴I brought you up out of Egypt
and redeemed you from the land of slavery.

I sent Moses to lead you,
also Aaron and Miriam.

⁵My people, remember
what Balak king of Moab plotted
and what Balaam, son of Beor answered.

Remember your journey from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the righteous acts of the LORD."

⁶With what shall I come before the LORD
and bow down before the exalted God?

Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?

⁷ Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousand rivers of olive oil?

Shall I offer my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?

⁸ He has shown you, O mortal, what is good.
And what does the LORD require of you?

To act justly and to love mercy
and to walk humbly with your God.

Questions

1. Micah asks the question, “What does God expect of you?” What do you think God expects of you today?
2. Sometimes Christians reduce spirituality down to doing certain things, like attending church, quietly praying, etc.. How do the above verses expand your view on spirituality?
3. Verse 8 states that the Lord requires us, “To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.” If we all acted like this, how could this change us as a community?
4. How does God defend Himself against accusations that He is mistreating His People?
5. How Did Micah believe we should worship the Lord?
6. What does Micah mean when he says, “Stand up, plead your case before the mountains...?”

Prayer

Lord, it is our desire to walk with you all the days of our life. Forgive us when we are not humble, merciful and just. Thank you for sending Jesus to show us how to live a perfect life and how to walk with you. Amen