

MICAH 6:8

Part 2

Recap

- Audience: Israel (10 tribes to North) and Judah (2 tribes in South).
- Themes: Micah is comprised of doom (God's judgement/witness against Israel and Judah) and hope (we'll talk more about this today and next week).
- Repentance is the necessary substance of the unity between the themes of doom and hope (Memetics).

Micah 6:8

He has told you, oh man, what is good; And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God. (ESV)

1. Worship?

Micah 5:13

I will destroy your idols and your sacred stones from among you; you will no longer bow down to the work of your hands.

Amos 6:4-5

You lie on beds adorned with ivory and lounge on your couches. You dine on choice lambs and fattened calves. You strum away on your harps like David and improvise on musical instruments.

2. Justice?

Micah 2:1-2, 9

Woe to those who plan iniquity, to those who plot evil on their beds! At morning's light they carry it out because it is in their power to do it. They covet fields and seize them, and houses, and take them. They defraud people of their homes, they rob them of their inheritance. 9 You drive the women of my people from their pleasant homes. You take away my blessing from their children forever.

Amos 5:10-12

There are those who hate the one who upholds justice in court and detest the one who tells the truth. 11 You levy a straw tax on the poor and impose a tax on their grain. Therefore, though you have built stone mansions, you will not live in them; though you have planted lush vineyards, you will not drink their wine. For I know how many are your offenses and how great your sins.

3. Charity?

Amos 2:6-7a

This is what the Lord says: “For three sins of Israel, even for four, I will not relent. They sell the innocent for silver, and the needy for a pair of sandals. They trample on the heads of the poor as on the dust of the ground and deny justice to the oppressed.

Micah 3:11

Her leaders judge for a bribe, her priests teach for a price, and her prophets tell fortunes for money. Yet they look for the Lord’s support and say, “Is not the Lord among us? No disaster will come upon us.”

4. Righteousness?

Micah 3:9

Hear this, you leaders of Jacob, you rulers of Israel, who despise justice and distort all that is right;

Micah 6:6-7

With 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? 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?

Amos 5:7

There are those who turn justice into bitterness and cast righteousness to the ground.

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