

God v. His People



Micah 6

- The Crown v. Latimer and Ridley

God's Court Room: Recognize Who God is (6:1-2)

- The Plaintiff¹
- The Jury²

God's Saving Acts: Remember What God Has Done from Egypt to Gilgal (6:3-5)

- God's 1st Accusation as Prosecutor³
- Rescued you from slavery⁴
- Led you through your Leaders
- Blessed you rather than cursed you
- Gave you a new home

God Relationship Requirements: Seeking God (6:6-8)

- God's refutation of the wrong response!⁵
- God requires covenant faithfulness.
 - o Horizontal faithfulness⁶
 - o Vertical faithfulness⁷

God's Warning: beware of ignoring God (6:9-16)

- God's 2nd Accusation (6:9-12)
 - o Dishonest Deceit
 - Ex. Standard weights and measures for electric cars
- God's Sentence of Desolation (6:13-16)
 - o Unsatisfied (v. 14)
 - o Unfruitful (v. 15)
 - o Ungodly (v.16a)
 - o Undone (v. 16b)

God Representative for the Remnant: Hope in God your Savior (6:13; 7:7-9,18-19)

- The ruined remnant have a representative⁸

¹ Job 10:2 ; Isaiah 3:13; Jeremiah 2:9 Hosea 4:1

² Deuteronomy 4:26

³ Jeremiah 2:29

⁴ Exodus 12:51; 2 Samuel 7:23; Hosea 12:10; Amos 2:10

⁵ 1 Samuel 15:22; Psalm 50: 16-17; Isaiah 1:11-15;

⁶ Isaiah 1:17; Jeremiah 22:3; Hosea 6:6; James 1:27

⁷ Deuteronomy 6:4-5; 1 Samuel 12:24; Galatians 5 :22-23; 1 Thess 5:23-24; 2 Thess. 3:3; Hebrews 10:23

⁸ Isaiah 53:10; Psalm 50:3-12; Psalm 19:13; Roman 6:14; 4:17

Micah 6:1-16

The LORD's Case Against Israel

¹Listen 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?

⁷Will 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?

⁸He 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 humbly⁹ with your God.

Israel's Guilt and Punishment

⁹Listen! The LORD is calling to the city—
and to fear your name is wisdom—
“Heed the rod and the One who appointed it.

¹⁰Am I still to forget your ill-gotten treasures,
you wicked house,
and the short ephah, which is accursed?

¹¹Shall I acquit someone with dishonest scales,
with a bag of false weights?

¹²Your rich people are violent;
your inhabitants are liars
and their tongues speak deceitfully.

¹³Therefore, I have begun to destroy you,
to ruin you because of your sins.

¹⁴You will eat but not be satisfied;
your stomach will still be empty.

You will store up but save nothing,
because what you save I will give to the sword.

¹⁵You will plant but not harvest;
you will press olives but not use the oil,
you will crush grapes but not drink the wine.

¹⁶You have observed the statutes of Omri
and all the practices of Ahab's house;
you have followed their traditions.
Therefore I will give you over to ruin
and your people to derision;
you will bear the scorn of the nations.”

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⁹ Or *prudently*