

What the Lord Requires 7th in the "Who is a God like you?" Series Micah 6:1-16 p. 779 June 24, 2018 Pastor Mickey Klink

Introduction

In this passage God exhorts us to understand his grace and respond accordingly for the good of all.

The Text: Micah 6:1-16

Christian maturity is a deepening understanding and appropriate response to what God has done for us in Christ (vv. 1-5).

- 2) The response the Lord requires is a grateful heart that seeks justice, loves kindness, and walks in humility before God in Christ (vv. 6-8).
 - (a) Do Justice
 - (b) Love Kindness/Mercy
 - (c) Walk Humbly with your God
- Those who ignore the Lord's requirements are destroyed by an overindulgence in things that can never satisfy (vv. 9-16).
 - -The gospel is not earned, it's enjoyed and obeyed!

Response

The deeper we understand the grace of God in Christ, the more we want to obey and enjoy God forever.

Sunday Text Questions for Micah 6:1-16 June 24, 2018 Pastor Mickey Klink

- 1) Starter Question: We often want to know God's "specific will" or what he plans for our individual lives. What would you say is God's "general will" or what he expects from all Christians?
- 2) Read the text aloud and discuss together any significant observations or issues needing clarification.
- 3) Why would God ground our response to him in what he has done for us (vv. 3-5)?
- 4) Read 1 Corinthians 11:23-26. How does the Lord's Supper also involve a looking back to what God has done for us so as to live rightly in the present?
- 5) Vv. 6-7 are incorrect responses offered to God by believers. In what ways can Christians misunderstand or distort the gospel and think they must offer good works to God for their salvation?
- 6) Think more deeply about v. 8, especially how these responses to God's grace are not private and personal but social in nature. What are ways we can rightly respond to God's grace and "do justice" (v. 8)?
- 7) Also in v. 8, what are ways we can rightly respond to God's grace and "love (or pursue) kindness/mercy?"
- 8) Finally, what are ways we can rightly respond to God's grace and "walk humbly with our God?"
- 9) Look closely at vv. 13-15. How does ignoring God facilitate an overindulgence in things that do not satisfy? How does obedience to Christ actually bring true satisfaction to the Christian?
- 10) Based upon this text as a whole, what is the connection between enjoying God and obeying God?

Further study this week: Deuteronomy 28 on blessings for obedience (Mon); Exodus 19:1-6 on obedience in the covenant (Tues); John 15:1-11 on obedience and God's love (Wed); Ephesians 6:1-3 on children obeying parents (Thurs); Hebrews 13:7 on obedience to church leaders (Fri).