



BIBLE STUDY

MICAH 6:6-8

What God Requires

6 *“With what shall I come before the Lord
and bow myself before God on high?
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 thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”*

8 *He has told you, O mortal, 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?*

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Micah is a minor prophet who lived in a tumultuous era. Micah prophesied during the days of Jotham, Ahas, and Hezekiah (Kings of Judah) around 758-687 BCE.

CULTURAL CONTEXT

Israel is struggling with the effects of unfaithful leadership. Judah is experiencing an alternating pattern of good kings followed by evil ones.

SITUATIONAL CONTEXT

The book offers 2 significant predictions:

- Judgement on Israel
- Restoration of God's people

The final chapters, 6-7, offer opposing sentiments: Judgement/restoration, fear/hope, as a trial of God's people for turning away from God plays out

STUDY

Read 6:6-8

When we read the book of Micah, we come to realize that the people of Israel and Judah are on trial for their behaviours: unjust business dealings, robbery, mistreatment of women and children, and a government that lived in luxury off the hard work of its nation's people.

Where do you see this type of injustice in our world?

- In the Lake Chad region
- Various corrupt governments
- Violence against women
- Women sharing burden of support in Lake Chad
- Refugee situations

What does it mean to 'do justice':

- In your life?
 - Treating others with kindness, equity, fairness
 - Love one another
- In your community?
 - Advocating for the impoverished, showing
 - Showing mercy to those who are often considered the outsider
- In the world?
 - Advocating for and working towards a world where all are equal and valued
- When it comes to climate challenges?
 - Do your part to care for creation
 - Support and advocate for the care of creation around the world

What does it mean to “love kindness”?

- In your life?
- In your community?
- In the world?
- When it comes to climate challenges?

How can you “walk humbly with your God”?

- Prayer
- Acknowledge you don’t have all the answers and continue to ask God for help in finding them

How can doing justice, loving kindness, and walking humbly with God make a difference in the Lake Chad region?

- Loving the people
- Praying for the people
- Supporting through advocacy of efforts like CLWR’s Nature-Based Solutions project
- Supporting the community financially by sponsoring acres to help reverse the damage of climate change
- Working to slow/stop climate change in your own backyard