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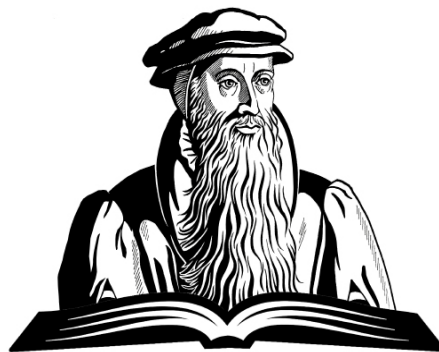
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Lesson 106

Micah Preaches Judgment and Mercy

Micah, chapters 1 through 7

Memory Verse

“Who is a God like unto thee, that pardoneth iniquity, and passeth by the transgression of the remnant of his heritage? He retaineth not his anger for ever, because he delighteth in mercy.”

—Micah 7:18

Micah’s Ministry

During the same time as the prophet Isaiah, during the years when Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah were kings over Judah, the Lord called Micah to prophesy in his name. With all the passion of a true prophet of the Lord, Micah exposed the sins committed in the nation of the ten tribes of Israel, and in the land of Judah. He especially singled out the leaders of the nation. One chief sin which Micah pointed out was the sin of idolatry (Micah 1:7). Another widespread sin was that of covetousness, fraud, and oppression (Micah 2:2). The rich oppressed and defrauded the poor, robbing them even of their garments. Widows and their children were cast out of their homes (Micah 2:8–9). Micah even compared the cruel rulers to cannibals who devoured the poor, breaking their bones and chopping them in pieces as for the pot, and as flesh within the cauldron (Micah 3:2–3). Micah also addressed the many false prophets. Why were they so popular? It was because they turned a blind eye to the sins going on all around them, and even promised God’s blessing upon the wicked people of Israel (Micah 2:11 and 3:5).

There seems to have been a general lack of trust and honesty, not only among the rich, but throughout society. Micah lamented, “The best of them is as a brier: the most upright is sharper than a thorn hedge,” Even close friends and relatives could no longer be trusted. “Trust ye not in a friend.” “The son dishonoureth the father, the daughter rises up against her mother....A man’s enemies are the men of his own house” (Micah 7:4–6). Victims had nowhere to turn, because even judges were dishonest, taking bribes from the rich.

The Lord Deals with His People

In a moving way, the Lord pleaded with his people: “Oh my people, what have I done unto thee? And wherein have I wearied thee? Testify against me. For I brought thee up out of the land of Egypt, and redeemed thee” (Micah 6:3–4). Did the people not know what the Lord required? He spelled it out for them once again. It was not thousands of rams, ten thousands of rivers of oil, or even their firstborn, which the Lord demanded, but simply “to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God” (Micah 6:8).

Micah got no joy out of exposing the sins of the people of Israel. He said, “Therefore I will wail and howl” (Micah 1:8). “Woe is me!” he cried out in Micah 7:1. Yet he did not hold back from announcing the dreadful judgments which would come when God’s patience was at an end: “Therefore I will make Samaria as an heap of the field....And I will pour down the stones thereof into the valley” (Micah 1:6). And even though the people of Judah boasted, saying, “Is not the LORD among us? None evil can come upon us” (Micah 3:11), yet Micah warned that Jerusalem would soon suffer a similar fate. “Therefore shall Zion for your sake be plowed as a field, and Jerusalem shall become heaps” (Micah 3:12).

Restoration!

Long before Babylon was a world power, Micah prophesied the captivity of Judah to be taken away to that nation. But in the same breath, he prophesied their deliverance! “Thou shalt go even to Babylon; there shall thou be delivered; there the LORD shall redeem thee from the hand of thine enemies” (Micah 4:10). Not only did the Lord point out to Micah the nation of Babylon to be the place of their captivity, but also the town of Bethlehem as the place of their deliverance! The amazing prophecy of Micah 5:2 led the wise men to the cradle of the Lord Jesus (Matthew 2:5–6). Micah may look even further, even to the setting up of the kingdom of the Messiah which shall finally triumph over all the kingdoms of the earth. “And many nations shall come, and say, come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem” (Micah 4:2). God will keep his covenant! (Micah 7:20)

Review Questions

1. In Micah 1:9, what is said about the wound of the people of Israel?
 - a. It was festering
 - b. It was plastered over
 - c. It was incurable
 - d. All of the above

2. In Micah 2:1–2, woe is pronounced upon whom?
 - a. Them who devise iniquity
 - b. Those who worked evil on the beds
 - c. The ones who violently take away fields and houses
 - d. All of the above

3. In Micah 3:8, what does Micah receive?
 - a. New visions
 - b. New boldness
 - c. More sorrow
 - d. More comfort

4. In Micah 3:11, Micah says that the judges, the priests, and the prophets wanted:
- a. Reward, hire, and money
 - b. Justice, reverence, and truth
 - c. Wine, meat, and oil
 - d. Both b and c
5. In Matthew 2:4, who could explain exactly where the King of the Jews would be born?
- a. The chief priests and scribes
 - b. Joseph and Mary
 - c. The wise men from the East
 - d. The angel Gabriel
6. What would happen when the kingdom of God would be established in the earth? (Micah 4:3)
- “And he shall _____ among many _____, and rebuke strong _____ afar off; and they shall beat their _____ into _____, and their _____ into _____: _____ shall not lift up a _____ against _____, neither shall they learn _____ anymore.”*

Discussion Questions

1. What two very different things does Micah say about the remnant of Jacob in Micah 5:7 and Micah 5:8? How would you explain this apparent contradiction? Look up one or more of the following texts to help you: Luke 2:34; 2 Corinthians 2:16; 1 Peter 2:7, 8

2. Which two texts in Micah 6 correspond with Amos 5:22–24? _____

Summarize the message of these verses in your own words. _____

3. How will we be able to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with our God? _____
