



## Power, Greed, and Injustice · The book of Micah

### God speaks destruction against the leaders of Judah Micah 1-3

Micah 2:1 – *“Woe to those who scheme iniquity, who work out evil on their beds! When morning comes, they do it, for it is in the power of their hands.”*

- Micah 1:3-5 - God appears in smoke and fire, like on Mt. Sinai, to bring judgment on His people
- Micah 2:1-2 - He rebukes them for stealing from the poor to grow rich themselves
- Micah 3:1-5; 9-12 - Both the leaders and prophets are denounced for their greed and injustice while in positions of power

### God speaks the right way to live and worship Micah 6

- Micah 6:6-8 - *“He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do **justice**, to love **kindness**, and to walk **humbly** with your God?”*
- Micah 7:7 - *“But as for me, I will watch expectantly for the Lord; I will **wait** for the God of my salvation.”*
  - Justice (mishpat) - judgment, standards, made right, connected to righteousness. Both retributive (consequences for wrong actions) and restorative (making right was has been wronged). Proverbs 21:6-7; Jeremiah 22:3; Psalm 146:7-9
  - Kindness (chesed) - mercy, lovingkindness, steadfast love, goodness Exodus 34:6-7; Psalm 33:5; Isaiah 54:8; Joel 12:13
  - Humility (tsana) - humble, modest, lowly, only use in the scriptures
  - Wait on God (yachal) - wait, hope, expect. Psalm 33:18; Psalm 130:5; Isaiah 42:4

### God speaks of hope and peace in the perfect ruler Micah 4, 5, 7

Micah 5:2 – *“But as for you, Bethlehem Ephrathah...from you One will go forth for Me to be ruler in Israel.”*

- Micah 4:1-5 - There will be a New Jerusalem and future kingdom of peace
- Micah 5:2-5a - Jesus is the Messiah sent to shepherd God’s people in the strength of the Lord and to be the perfect peace fulfilled
- Micah 7:18-20
  - Our hope is in God, not our Obedience. We have 2 main reasons for our hope:
    - God’s Character - Micah 7:18
    - God’s Promises - Micah 7:20

**Response:** Live out the commands of Micah 6:8 and 7:7 in your life. Choose one thing from each area to grow in and seek the Lord for His power in your life.

- **Wait on God:** 1) After reading this list of action steps, spend time in prayer and waiting on God's direction for what He will have you do. 2) Be intentional about remembering that you can do nothing without the power of the Holy Spirit. 3) If there is a decision you are making, make a decision to wait on God in prayer before moving forward. 4) Be expectant for God to work in your life in ways you have never seen before.
- **Do Justice:** 1) See a wrong in the world that you want to help make right and take action. 2) Bring hope into the local foster care system. [zeroby2020vision.com](http://zeroby2020vision.com) 3) Serve in one of Calvary's ways to reach the needy in our community. [calvarylife.org/ways-to-get-involved](http://calvarylife.org/ways-to-get-involved) 4) Get involved in a political or social issue that you feel God calling you to help bring His sense of justice for our world. 5) Pray for God's justice to be fulfilled.
- **Love Kindness:** 1) Forgive a person that owes you something out of God's mercy. 2) Express love to someone in your life that is difficult to love. 3) Worship God for His enduring love and mercy.
- **Walk Humbly:** 1) Choose to not take credit for something even if you feel you deserve it. 2) Practice pointing to others rather than hoping for approval for yourself. 3) Use your social media to lift up someone else rather than yourself. 4) Attempt to speak less in settings that you have tended to dominate. 5) See God's hand in all good things.

## Next Steps:

**JOIN A LIFEGROUP:** LifeGroups are ongoing small group communities that gather together throughout the week to CONNECT in a smaller setting, GROW together in our faith, and REACH out together to our community. To get involved or for more information, contact Connections + LifeGroups Pastor, Robert Carter, at [rcarter@calvarylife.org](mailto:rcarter@calvarylife.org), or indicate "LifeGroups" on The Card (located in the chair rack in the seat in front of you). [calvarylife.org/lifegroups](http://calvarylife.org/lifegroups)

## In Response:

**COMMUNION:** Communion is a "meal" for believers in Jesus Christ to help us give thanks and remember His death on the cross for the forgiveness of sins. The matzah bread represents the body of Christ given for us. The cup of juice represents the blood of Christ that was shed to pay the price for our sins. We are called to examine ourselves before taking communion (Read 1 Corinthians 11:23-34). We typically pass communion elements the first Sunday of the month. Most other weeks, communion is available at tables around the room after the sermon.

**GIVING:** The offering is received during each Sunday service. This is a way to express a wholehearted trust in God and worship Him through giving. It is also an act of obedience to God that helps free us from money having mastery over us. Tithing is a biblical command of 10% as a baseline of giving, but the New Testament calls us as followers of Jesus to give even more. Our prayer is that you plan ahead to give purposefully and joyfully to God, helping to further ministry locally and globally in Jesus' name. Discover ways to give on the front of the bulletin or [calvarylife.org/give](http://calvarylife.org/give)

**PRAYER POINTS:** These locations at the front right and left of the Worship Center will have people available to pray with you during the time of singing after the sermon and after the service as well. These people are excited to pray with you about anything in your life, including praying to tell Jesus that you believe in Him as God and trust Him for salvation. They will also pray for any health needs, stresses, worries, family members, temptations or anything else.

**PRAYER ROOM:** The Prayer Room is located at the front right of the Worship Center Auditorium through the doorway behind the Prayer Point. This is a quiet space that you can go to at anytime during the service to be able to pray and reflect on what God is doing in your heart.

