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"NOT THINE BUT THEE"--GOD'S WISH

Micah 6:6-8

1. That man should be concerned about his appearance before God is proper.

Micah 6:6 "Wherewith shall I come before the Lord, c

A. He offers various suggestions.

1. Burnt offerings - calves a year old.

a.) The best.

b.) Multitude of them.

2. Thousands of rams.

a.) God asked for 1 for a sin offering - they'll bring 1000's.

b.) Their bid was high - but not right.

3. Oil.

a.) Measure it in rivers.

b.) Not dribble down Aaron's beard.

4. Fruit of my body.

a.) My children.

b.) They are a part of me.

c.) Yet they are already God's - how can we give them to him?

d.) Enhanced offerings by name tender relationship they shared c it.

B. Their mistakes were numerous.

1. Acted like God had not spoken but He's revealed

2. Felt his demands unknowable so we'll extravagantly guess.

3. Where with - things, materials.

a.) Not thine but thee, God wants.

b.) Qt. was how & with.

c.) What is outward.

4. No ritual alone pleases God - especially if offered by unholy men.

5. Proposals showed zeal - also ignorance.

II. God spelled it out.

V. 8 "He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; ar

A. God emphatically & clearly spoke as he always does about His desires.

1. What command is confusing?

2. Where is ambiguity?

3. All his ways "are good."

4. Doesn't say how he showed.

5. Require = inward search.

B. He asked for 3 Attitudes.

1. Do justly.

Amos 5:24 "Let judgment run down as waters, and rig

a.) Emerson, "Religion is the doing of all good, & for its sake the suffering of all evil."

b.) Harbor no thot of wrong against man.

c.) Render all their dues.

d.) Harm none.

2. Love mercy.

Hosea 6:6 "For I desired mercy & not sacrifice, and t

a.) Note O.T. quotes - they should have known.

b.) Mercy is justice tempered.

(1) Can't produce a poem by explosion in a type factory.

(2) Don't know all the ans., I don't understand my body biologically but I'm not refusing to live because I don't.

- (3) Mercy leads us to treat an offender better than he deserves.
- (4) It tempers the severity of justice.
- (5) Must love mercy so it's the prevailing principle
- (6) Lift up the fallen lovingly.

3. Walk humbly c thy God.

a.) Duty to man heed together if inseparably we are c God.

- (1) Fraternity alone evaporates.
- (2) Philanthropy w/o faith is fragile.
- (3) We can't live in one world at a time.

b.) Walk = conform to God's ways.

c.) Bring thots in line c God's.

d.) Humbly = bow down thy goings.

Luke 17:10 "So likewise ye, when ye shall have done

C. Conclusion.

- 1. Religious is a unity of all interest.
- 2. We are bound to man & God.
- 3. Religion is life at its best.
- 4. Inward man God wants.
- 5. Creature has nothing to offer - rams can't take away sins - only Jesus.

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LAST SUMMER a girl told her sweetheart she couldn't think of marrying him until he had saved at least a thousand dollars.

Towards the end of the year, she asked him how much he had saved.

"Oh, about thirty-five dollars."

"Well," she said, "that's close enough."

"Thank you," said the man. "We have chains. Please don't worry."

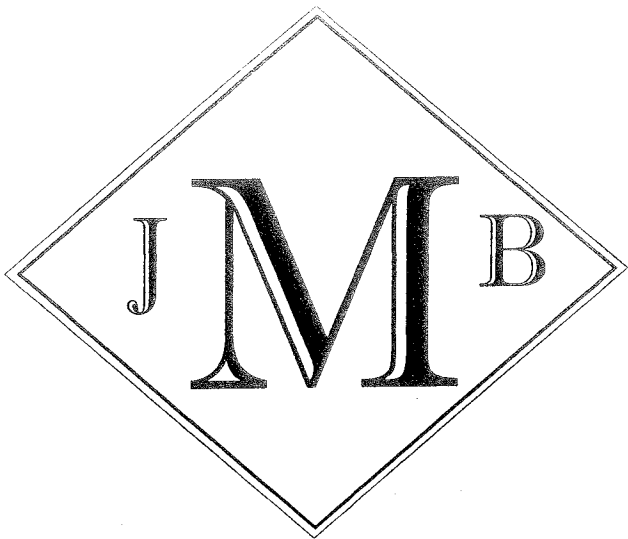
At the kitchen door, Mrs. McGinnis turned back to them. "Make yourselves at home; I won't be long."

Sandra and David were already looking around the

*To love others makes us happy;
to love ourselves makes us lonely.*

It is not our fault. Abraham Lincoln put it aptly when he explained the reputation of a village scoundrel by saying: "He's got the can't-help'its." The man was forever explaining his behavior in terms of people and things over which he had no control. Other people made him the way he was and he could not help it. The world is full of people who have "the can't-help-its." Persons who learn nothing from unwise decisions and find no means for growth in hurts brought upon themselves.

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THE ROUTE OF BLESSINGS

Micah 6:6-8

I. When this dear one volunteered to commit her life to the Lord, she made the best decision ever.

A. It embraced the fullness of Heaven's plans.

Acts 2:29-33

1. Christ is Lord.

2. He saves.

3. He blesses in the way to live.

4. He promised to welcome you home.

5. He gives you eternal peace.

B. But ground work for all of this was laid in the unfolding of his plan, piece by piece via the Old Testament.

II. It was Micah who granted that marvelous mode of living.

Micah 6:6-8 "Wherewith shall I come..."

A. That means we will all appear before him.

B. It begs the question, "What shall I bring before him?"

III. The Micah Statement

A. He's brought them out of bondage--there's Egypt, our sins, Jesus releases us.

B. I must be pleasing to him.

1. Any offerings I could give.

a) Calves a year old.

b) 1,000 rams, 10,000 rivers of oil, my firstborn for my transgressions, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul.

C. Showed me what is good.

1. All above could not atone.

Jer. 6:20 "Your burnt offerings are not acceptable, nor your sacrifices sweet unto me."

Jer. 7:23 "Ye shall walk in all the ways that I have commanded you."

Matt. 23:23 "Weightier matters: justice, faith, mercy."

Rom. 13:10 "Love one another."

"All things whatsoever ye would"

Micah - "Do justly, love kindness, walk humbly."

2. Do we love to be kind?

3. Justly--avoid false ways.

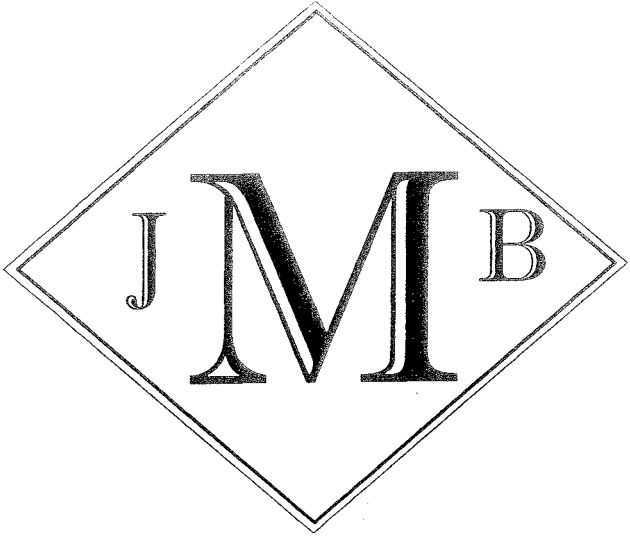
4. Merciful, treat others right.

D. Jesus speaks of the hereafter.

John 14:1 "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me."

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TIS THE SEASON

Micah 6:1-12

- I. There are seasons when our hearts are more tender toward our fellowman than other times.
 - A. We do well to ake stock of our actions.
 - B. Amend and reform when necessary.
 - C. This Micah was calling his people to do.

- II. Let's first see Micah.
 - A. These facts:
 1. Called the Morasthite.
 - a) Born there
 - b) Village SW of Jerusalem
 2. Prophesied in days of Jotham, Ahaz, Hezekiah, Kings of Judah.
 3. They reigned about 60 years; he is busy 40 of those years.
 4. Thus we have a small amount of what he taught.
 5. He was concerned with two capitals--Jerusalem and Samaria.
 6. Spoke both to Israel and Judah.
 7. Compared to Isaiah.
Micah 1:1
Isaiah 1:1
Isaiah 2:1-5
Micah 4:1-5
 8. Thus we quote one another without plagerism.

9. Ever condemning sins.
 10. Also tells of God's mercy upon expression of repentance.
- B. As God uses Micah does he use us-- what are our characteristics?

III. Let's go to Chapter 6:1-12.

A. Courtroom controversy (V.1-2).

1. Called to be in presence of God.
2. Controversy to be settled.
3. Language of a courtroom.
4. Charges presented.
5. People are defendants.
6. Judgment called for as they "Arise," "Contend."
7. Contend means to plead a case as both kingdoms persistently wicked.
8. God's worship corrupted via idolatry.
9. Offered a chance to defend themselves.
10. No one to be punished unless guilty.
11. Guilty has right to be heard.
12. Call to let mountains and hills in a innate nature hear their defense.
13. Guilty so evident even hills could see it.

B. God states his complaint (V.3-5).

1. People are asked to cite one injustice God ever exercised.

2. They will thus have to admit guilt.
 3. For centuries God has given his protective care.
 4. Tenderly they are "my people."
 5. They forget his love.
 6. Great event in history is their relief from Egyptian bondage.
 7. Only his power and love could do it.
 8. Deliverance not by their power, but his.
 9. Wilderness 40 years--manna and enemies defeated.
 10. Recall Balak wanting Balaam to curse them and all failed (Numbers 23,24, 22:1-14).
 11. Finally reached Promised Land.
 12. 23,000 killed as Jordan crossed.
- C. People asked about duties (6-7).
1. Defendants allowed to speak.
 2. God shows them how to reform.
 3. Shows them the way to righteousness.
 4. Hearts far from God can't be right.
 5. How great is the way back to God's favor, but it can be done.
- D. Inquiry Answered (V-8).
1. God shows what is good.
 2. First demanded.
 3. Only God knows what's right.
 4. Man has duties to fellowman and to God.

5. Man to man in two categories:
 - a) Justice
 - b) Kindness
 6. This would outlaw murder and theft and any unfair advantage.
 7. Demands strict honesty.
 8. Relieve all distress possible.
 9. Never take advantage of a brother.
 10. Walk with God.
 - a) First responsibility
 - b) Daily done
 - c) Ever ready to hear and do his will.
- E. Further opposition to sin (V.9-12).
1. See the name--fear thy name.
 2. Hear the judgment and punishment.
 3. Do you harbor treasures of wickedness?
 4. Can't use scant measures and false weights.
 5. Such is an abomination (Prov.11:1)
 6. Don't trust in riches though they may seem to give power.
 7. God's people cannot use such.

2 Cor. 5:16

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