

**Church of the Valley
Looking for Answers?
Ask the Right Question!
What Has God Shown You?
October 11, 2020**

SERMON PASSAGE - MICAH 6:1-8

FIVE CHARGES AGAINST THE PEOPLE OF GOD

1. HOLY NATION....YOU HAVE ESTABLISHED IDOLS

LISTEN TO WHAT THE LORD SAYS: "STAND UP, PLEAD MY CASE BEFORE THE MOUNTAINS; LET THE HILLS HEAR WHAT YOU HAVE TO SAY. 2 "HEAR, YOU MOUNTAINS, THE LORD'S ACCUSATION; LISTEN, YOU EVERLASTING FOUNDATIONS OF THE EARTH. FOR THE LORD HAS A CASE AGAINST HIS PEOPLE; HE IS LODGING A CHARGE AGAINST ISRAEL. MICAH 6:1-2

2. HOLY NATION...YOU HAVE MADE FALSE CLAIMS AGAINST GOD

MY PEOPLE, WHAT HAVE I DONE TO YOU? HOW HAVE I BURDENED YOU? ANSWER ME. MICAH 6:3

3. HOLY NATION...YOU HAVE FORGOTTEN HOW GOD HAS REDEEMED YOU

I BROUGHT YOU UP OUT OF EGYPT AND REDEEMED YOU FROM THE LAND OF SLAVERY. I SENT MOSES TO LEAD YOU, ALSO AARON AND MIRIAM. 5 MY PEOPLE, REMEMBER WHAT BALAK KING OF MOAB PLOTTED AND WHAT BALAAM SON OF BEOR ANSWERED. REMEMBER YOUR JOURNEY FROM SHITTIM TO GILGAL, THAT YOU MAY KNOW THE RIGHTEOUS ACTS OF THE LORD." MICAH 6:4-5

4. HOLY NATION...YOU HAVE FORGOTTEN GOD ESTABLISHED A COVENANT

WITH WHAT SHALL I COME BEFORE THE LORD AND BOW DOWN BEFORE THE EXALTED GOD? 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 THOUSAND RIVERS OF OLIVE OIL? SHALL I OFFER MY FIRSTBORN FOR MY TRANSGRESSION, THE FRUIT OF MY BODY FOR THE SIN OF MY SOUL? MICAH 6:6-7

5. HOLY NATION...YOU ARE WITHOUT EXCUSE

HE HAS SHOWN YOU, O MORTAL, WHAT IS GOOD. MICAH 6:8

THE PLEA BARGAIN...WITH REQUIREMENTS

AND WHAT DOES THE LORD REQUIRE OF YOU? TO ACT JUSTLY AND TO LOVE MERCY AND TO WALK HUMBLY WITH YOUR GOD. V 8

23 "WOE TO YOU, TEACHERS OF THE LAW AND PHARISEES, YOU HYPOCRITES! YOU GIVE A TENTH OF YOUR SPICES—MINT, DILL AND CUMIN. BUT YOU HAVE NEGLECTED THE MORE IMPORTANT MATTERS OF THE LAW—JUSTICE, MERCY AND FAITHFULNESS. YOU SHOULD HAVE PRACTICED THE LATTER, WITHOUT NEGLECTING THE FORMER. MATTHEW 23:23

- 1.) **ACT JUSTLY IN EVERY RELATIONSHIP.**
- 2.) **SHOW KINDNESS TO EVERY PERSON**
- 3.) **WALK AND TALK WITH GOD**

OUR RESPONSE

But as for me, I watch in hope for the Lord, I wait for God my Savior, my God will hear me. Micah 7:7

Life Questions?

What has to change in your life for Micah 6:8 to become your mantra?

AND WHAT DOES THE LORD REQUIRE OF YOU? TO ACT JUSTLY AND TO LOVE MERCY AND TO WALK HUMBLY WITH YOUR GOD. MICAH 6:8

What step(s) must you take to protect yourself from being polluted by the world?

RELIGION THAT GOD OUR FATHER ACCEPTS AS PURE AND FAULTLESS IS THIS: TO LOOK AFTER ORPHANS AND WIDOWS IN THEIR DISTRESS AND TO KEEP ONESELF FROM BEING POLLUTED BY THE WORLD. JAMES 1:27

2020 THE YEAR OF TRANSFORMATION!

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. ² Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. Romans 12:1-2

GOD'S DESIRE IS TO TRANSFORM US

<u>Be not conformed to culture</u>	<u>Be Transformed</u>
Fear	Faith
Uncertainty	Confidence
Unrest	Assurance
Exhaustion	Hope
Confusion	Clarity
Division	Unity