

Micah 1-3

Good evening, Church.

It is wonderful to be here with you all tonight.

We are going to continue our study through the Old Testament here on Wednesday Nights.

We will begin Micah, if you want to make your way there.

Last month, we were in Jerusalem, and from the Mt. of Olives, there is a vantage point where you can see the entire old city.

The stones gleam in the sunlight; the city set on a hill looks strong and secure.

It really is one of the most beautiful and most famous sites in the world.

Picture #1...

But imagine standing there not as a tourist – but as a prophet.

As if God pulled back the curtain, declaring, “I don’t see beautiful stone walls. I see corruption in the courts. I see leaders taking bribes. I see priests

preaching for riches. I see prophets telling people what they want to hear instead of what they need to hear.”

The city looks magnificent from the outside.

But what heaven’s eyes see is something different altogether.

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It would be like us, being there at the State of the Union last night, with all the political elites of our country, the religious elites, the highest judges of the land, sitting there in that polished room, with towering columns outside, marble on the building, flags waving, historic symbols marked throughout....

Only to find out that every person is on someone’s payroll.

Every decision made is for sale, to the highest bidder.

The whole speech, the whole thing was a staged performance, to appease the masses, to keep the ruse going...

The building stands; the offices are there in principle; elections have come; the founding documents are

sworn to be upheld, but in dark rooms, with cigars and handshakes, the real deals are made.

Where there are no cameras, no accountability, seemingly no one watching, the act goes away... and righteousness has collapsed as lobbyists and bureaucrats control the puppet strings.

That is the world of the Book of Micah, and we will begin to see this here in Chapters 1-3...

The prophet will not start soft and ease into his message.

He tells them that God is coming, that judgment is on its way, that the mountains will melt, and that the valleys will split.

Why will he come so hard? Because God's people, both in Samaria and Jerusalem, have broken the covenant.

Leaders devour the people, the very ones they were called to shepherd and lead.

The false prophets are crying for peace when judgment is right at the door.

The rulers are building Zion with blood.

Outward and pretentious religion is thriving.

Inward and true faith was fading.

Micah will show us something here...

God is not impressed by impressive systems at all.

He is not fooled by spiritual lingo.

He sees exactly how leaders lead.

He knows how justice is being handled.

His eyes are on the poor, people in need, and the most vulnerable, and he is very aware of how they are treated.

And when leaders become predatory upon the weak, judgment is not far behind.

Understand this: Micah is not a story for ancient times, but a mirror for us tonight.

Know that God is watching, our worship needs to be matched with justice...

We have to be dedicated to truth, above telling people what they want to hear.

Micah will thunder his message before he brings comfort to the people.

The difficult message comes before hope.

Before God can heal, He will first expose them.

Let's pray, and we will get into our study...

The book of Micah actually has 3 distinct sermons.

Starting here in Chapter 1, then in Chapter 3, then in Chapter 6.

God will speak powerfully through His prophet. Yet the important thing, all that mattered really, was whether the people were listening?

At the time Micah was ministering, the Assyrians were tearing through the Middle East.

They began their conquest in 745 BC.

For approximately a century, every king east of the Euphrates River would dread the Assyrian Power.

They controlled the land bridge linking Asia and Africa by 732.

The Philistines and Syrians fell, and the Jewish people were next, the Israelites in the north and Judah in the south.

And God warned His people to turn from their sin or face His fierce judgment.

God would send prophets like Jonah, Amos, Hosea, Isaiah, and now Micah.

For nearly 200 years, God put up with the idolatry in the land, but now, His longsuffering had reached its max.

Unless the people repented, He would use the mighty Assyrians to administer His wrath.

The prophets had all heard from the Lord, but the people needed to hear now.

Look how Micah starts here in verse 1...

Judgment on Israel and Judah

1:1 The word of the LORD that came to Micah of Moresheth in the days of Jotham, Ahaz, *and* Hezekiah, kings of Judah, which he saw concerning Samaria and Jerusalem.

Micah was sent to both the northern and southern kingdoms.

He was to speak to their capitals, Samaria and Jerusalem.

Micah prophesied during the reign of three specific kings of Judah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, from 735-700 BC.

We are going to like Micah, as we did Amos, because he is another roughneck.

He is from Moresheth, which is a farming town just southeast of Jerusalem.

And God would send this small-town man, with calloused hands, to the big city to confront the soft hands, the kings and priests.

We will see that he has an uncommon courage in his ministry.

Like Amos, caring only what the Lord thinks, and less concerned about what man thinks of him.

Micah means “Who is like Yahweh,” which is akin to the theme of his message.

Micah will focus on how God has no equal, and both the wrath and love of God are like nothing else on this earth.

Who is like our God?

So, his first sermon begins here in verse 2... We notice right off the bat, he is preaching to everyone... not just the Hebrews...

The Coming Judgment on Israel

2 Hear, all you peoples!

Listen, O earth, and all that is in it!

Let the Lord GOD be a witness against you,
The Lord from His holy temple.

3 For behold, the LORD is coming out of His place;

He will come down

And tread on the high places of the earth.

4 The mountains will melt under Him,

And the valleys will split

Like wax before the fire,

Like waters poured down a steep place.

God is seen descending from heaven.

Here is the first truth Micah teaches us tonight.

God does not always stay in His place.

He is seen here leaving His place.

The idols that people worshipped in antiquity needed a place to sit; you would have to clear a space for them.

But it could not move on its own; it stays wherever you set it.

Sometimes idols park in the garage, or we hold them in our hands, or we deposit them in funds or bank accounts.

You have to live around an idol.

The thing with idols, though, is that they go where we tell them to.

They allow us to be self-centered and to be in control.

But God, the real God... He comes into our lives and does not stay in one place.

He becomes the Lord of our life.

He will take dominion over every aspect of our lives.

If we align our lives with His will and His Word, we will find peace and purpose, but if we resist Him, there will be friction.

God will not be ignored, He will not be gentle...

Understand, too, God is not politically correct or concerned about our feelings.

The prophet here sees the Lord coming out of His place.

God is not distant, He is not hiding up in a faraway place, His Spirit is invading our lives, in time and space...

He is more hands-on in our lives than we realize.

Micah here saw God coming from His place to judge sin.

When He does this, as we see there in verse 3, mountains melt, valleys split, and waters pour...

The world is currently waiting for Jesus's Second Coming, when He will come to judge sin and wickedness.

When John was on Patmos, this is what he saw...

Rev. 16:20 Then every island fled away, and the mountains were not found.

Understand something, when our God leaves His place and comes to this earth, the whole planet will shake, and mountains will disappear.

There is no equal to our God.

So, next we learn what has caused God to move... it is the same reason Jesus will descend to this earth in the Last Days...

Verse 5...

5 All this is for the transgression of Jacob

And for the sins of the house of Israel.

What *is* the transgression of Jacob?

Is it not Samaria?

And what *are* the high places of Judah?

Are they not Jerusalem?

6 "Therefore I will make Samaria a heap of ruins in the field,

Places for planting a vineyard;

I will pour down her stones into the valley,

And I will uncover her foundations.

7 All her carved images shall be beaten to pieces,

And all her pay as a harlot shall be burned with the fire;

All her idols I will lay desolate,

For she gathered *it* from the pay of a harlot,

And they shall return to the pay of a harlot."

God is coming to punish their sin.

He will start with the leadership in both the capital cities, Samaria and Jerusalem.

They had a major influence on their entire nation.

Today, the big cities have a huge influence on the rest of the country as well.

God judges these central places because of their major influences.

And in 722 BC, Samaria was destroyed by the Assyrians.

Because her sins were predominantly idolatry, we see here that God looks at it like harlotry.

He sees an unfaithful lover, and instead of giving their love to the One True God, they had prostituted themselves to these false gods.

And the sin in the north spread ultimately to the south.

It was infecting Jerusalem and all of Judah.

This evil influence caused God to rise out of His place.

Look how this all impacts the prophet here in verse 8...

Mourning for Israel and Judah

8 Therefore I will wail and howl,
I will go stripped and naked;
I will make a wailing like the jackals
And a mourning like the ostriches,

9 For her wounds *are* incurable.
For it has come to Judah;
It has come to the gate of My people —
To Jerusalem.

Micah is not some detached preacher here.

He is not watching from a distance, unfazed by the words he is giving.

His own soul is torn apart by sorrow over it all.

He howls like a wild animal.

He is in deep despair.

He takes off his clothes, which at that time was a sign of immense grief.

The people had sinned, and Micah was messed up over the ramifications of it all.

He walked naked among the people to express his sorrow and disappointment.

He really is a picture of God's heart toward sin here.

God is never happy or eager to punish sin.

It grieves Him as it would any father.

He would rather forgive or bless.

And his sorrow here is a picture of God's sorrow over the situation.

He looks at the nation and says, "Her wounds are incurable."

What a terrible sentence.

Especially from God... at least from an earthly doctor or physician, we could appeal to God... but when God says, "There is no hope," truly all hope is lost.

Samaria is getting taken off life support here; their sin has cost them dearly.

Now, after the northern kingdom fell to the Assyrians, Jerusalem would lose any protection it had on its northern border.

Micah knew the vulnerability now between his own capital and the devastating enemy.

Many of the surrounding cities already fallen to the ruthless armies of the Assyrians.

Micah will go on to predict the fall of 12 cities around Jerusalem, within 10 miles of Moresheth...

Verse 10...

10 Tell *it* not in Gath,

Weep not at all;

In Beth Aphrah

Roll yourself in the dust.

11 Pass by in naked shame, you inhabitant of
Shaphir;

The inhabitant of Zaanan does not go out.

Beth Ezel mourns;

Its place to stand is taken away from you.

12 For the inhabitant of Maroth pined for good,
But disaster came down from the LORD
To the gate of Jerusalem.

13 O inhabitant of Lachish,
Harness the chariot to the swift steeds

(She *was* the beginning of sin to the daughter of Zion),

For the transgressions of Israel were found in you.

14 Therefore you shall give presents to Moresheth Gath;

The houses of Achzib *shall be* a lie to the kings of Israel.

15 I will yet bring an heir to you, O inhabitant of Mareshah;

The glory of Israel shall come to Adullam.

16 Make yourself bald and cut off your hair,
Because of your precious children;
Enlarge your baldness like an eagle,
For they shall go from you into captivity.

Micah, throughout these judgments, uses puns or plays on words that don't really make sense in English, only in the original language.

Gath is weeping, and so the prophet would be saying something like, "Weep not in weep town."¹

There are others to consider here... but the reality is, these judgements are not about clever word plays.

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The prophet is going back to the idea that a name meant something in antiquity; it described a character and even a destiny.

Micah showed how a character becomes our future.

More so than our names... if our character is evil... our future will be one of judgment...

If our character is godly and good, just and right... Then our future will unfold accordingly.

If a person is drawn to sin... it is in their character to lie, cheat, still... if they have a predisposition toward laziness and excuses... that will play out in their future.

If they apply Biblical principles to their lives... then they can expect God's Hand to move in their lives.

These cities had a name and character that was set for mourning and weeping, destruction was coming upon them.

Look now at verse 1 of Chapter 2...

Woe to Evildoers

2:1 Woe to those who devise iniquity,
And work out evil on their beds!

At morning light they practice it,
Because it is in the power of their hand.

2 They covet fields and take *them* by violence,
Also houses, and seize *them*.
So they oppress a man and his house,
A man and his inheritance.

God considered the land in Israel to Be Holy, set apart, and belonging to Him.

He entrusted it to the Jews, and in the Book of Joshua, He allotted specific regions to each tribe.

Even if that land were used to secure a loan and were lost in foreclosure, the original family would get it back at the end of seven years.

God owned the land and leased it to the Jews, and the sin of land grabbing was a terrible transgression in His eyes.

This was taking place now...

Look at verse 3...

3 Therefore thus says the LORD :

"Behold, against this family I am devising disaster,
From which you cannot remove your necks;

Nor shall you walk haughtily,
For this *is* an evil time.

4 In that day *one* shall take up a proverb against you,
And lament with a bitter lamentation, saying:
'We are utterly destroyed!
He has changed the heritage of my people;
How He has removed *it* from me!
To a turncoat He has divided our fields.'

5 Therefore you will have no one to determine
boundaries by lot
In the assembly of the LORD .

6 "Do not prattle," *you say to those* who prophesy.
So they shall not prophesy to you;
They shall not return insult for insult.

And listen, there are times when it seems the wicked
are getting away with everything.

They are in power... and they can do whatever they
want.

Here, the prophet declares that in the end, those in
power will have their land taken by these invading
armies.

Church, don't ever lose sight of what Jesus taught in the Sermon on the Mount.

**Matt 5:5 Blessed *are* the meek,
For they shall inherit the earth.**

You worry about your life being lived right before the Lord... He will take care of you... Those who put others first will be exalted in the end.

We see here, too, that the wicked people in Judah were trying to silence the people speaking the Truth.

Prophets like Micah were an offense to them.

They did not want to hear God's Word.

They called his message prattle... or drip or drool...

They looked at him like a slobbering fool.

It is terrible what people will say when they reject the Word of God as truth... and what they will accuse His messengers of.

And God's ultimate judgment here is that He will take away His prophets and leave the people without a message or warning.

Listen, when the Word of God goes silent in a person's life, that is the calm before the storm...

There is nothing more terrible in this life than when the prophets stop speaking, and the Word goes silent.

Even in the New Testament Church, there is a time when a person is in sin that we are commanded to hand such a one over to Satan... to stop the pleading and appeals, and allow them to be dealt with...

We are only instructed then to speak when they come back repentant... but we should never get ahead of God or the instruction in His Word with that person...

God's Word is the authority... we can do a lot of damage when we work outside its parameters...

Look at verse 7...

Lying Prophets

7 *You who are* named the house of Jacob:

"Is the Spirit of the LORD restricted?

Are these His doings?

Do not My words do good

To him who walks uprightly?

In so many words here, the prophet is saying, “Who are you to tell God what He can and cannot say and do?”

No human is in a position to challenge the Word of God... no matter how noble we think we are being...

Verse 8...

8 "Lately My people have risen up as an enemy —
You pull off the robe with the garment
From those who trust *you*, as they pass by,
Like men returned from war.

9 The women of My people you cast out
From their pleasant houses;
From their children
You have taken away My glory forever.

10 "Arise and depart,
For this *is* not *your* rest;
Because it is defiled, it shall destroy,
Yes, with utter destruction.

11 If a man should walk in a false spirit
And speak a lie, *saying*,
'I will prophesy to you of wine and drink,'
Even he would be the prattler of this people.

They had become their own worst enemies.

The Law God had given to these people taught them very clearly that they were to be kind and sympathetic to the poor, the stranger, the widow, and even the alien.

Often, all a person needed to stay warm at night was their outer coat.

Ex 22:26-27 If you ever take your neighbor's garment as a pledge, you shall return it to him before the sun goes down. **27** For that *is* his only covering, it *is* his garment for his skin. What will he sleep in? And it will be that when he cries to Me, I will hear, for I *am* gracious.

Yet, the rich in Jerusalem strip the poor of their clothing as an enemy would strip his captives.

They were supposed to be mindful of them, but instead, they had taken advantage of them.

They were even ruthlessly seizing their land.

Tossing widows and children out on the streets.

And since they were so quick to put the poor out on the street, God is now going to evict His people from the land that He had promised to them.

Samaria was taken in 722 BC, and Jerusalem would fall to the Babylonians in 586 BC... God was true to His Word.

God called out the false prophets here, those who were telling the people what they wanted to hear.

The one who was telling them to indulge in their lusts and appetites, “Drink wine, God doesn’t mind.”

They are still out there today, telling you to live as you please, to live for yourself; holiness does not matter.

But that is the prattler according to God.

That is a spit-spraying preacher... A slobbering fool according to God...

“Judgment is coming” was the true message...

Now, all three of Micah’s sermons will start with a judgment of sin...

But they will all conclude with God comforting His people.

A promise of a future restoration.

And even though both kingdoms fell as the prophet spoke, verse 12 predicts that God will reassemble them in the future...

We see a shepherd now gather His lost sheep...

Verse 12...

Israel Restored

12 "I will surely assemble all of you, O Jacob,
I will surely gather the remnant of Israel;
I will put them together like sheep of the fold,
Like a flock in the midst of their pasture;
They shall make a loud noise because of *so many*
people.

13 The one who breaks open will come up before
them;
They will break out,
Pass through the gate,
And go out by it;
Their king will pass before them,
With the LORD at their head."

I really like the name that the prophet gives to God here...

The One Who breaks open.

Think about your situation tonight... maybe you have made some serious mistakes, or things have happened to you that are beyond your control.

It could be your life is in chaos tonight, and you feel surrounded by impossibilities.

Your own mistakes have gotten you here... or it could be the hand of another that has caused this turmoil...

You are boxed in...

Here is the good news: "The One Who Breaks Open" is your God...

He lives within you tonight...

He is the chain breaker, He sets the captive free...

He re-assembles lives and makes the impossible possible.

His people are overcomers... they will go in and out of the gates freely.

Notice the promise here, "The Lord will be at their head."

Jesus rules over your life, your situation, no matter how hopeless it feels...

Trust Him to come up and break through for you...

I know it doesn't feel that way right now... but He has a perfect track record.

Romans 8:28 has stood the test of time...

Romans 8:28 ... all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.

It will be true for your life as well.

Look now as Micah's second sermon begins in verse 1 of Chapter 3...

Wicked Rulers and Prophets

3:1 And I said:

"Hear now, O heads of Jacob,
And you rulers of the house of Israel:
Is it not for you to know justice?

2 You who hate good and love evil;
Who strip the skin from *My* people,
And the flesh from their bones;

3 Who also eat the flesh of *My* people,

Flay their skin from them,
Break their bones,
And chop *them* in pieces
Like *meat* for the pot,
Like flesh in the caldron."

As Christians, we look ahead to a day when Christ will rule.

It will be a glorious day...

But until then, we live with the reality that wicked men rule this world.

Solomon wrote...

Eccl 3:16 Moreover, I saw under the sun:

In the place of judgment,
Wickedness *was* there;
And *in* the place of righteousness,
Iniquity *was* there.

Ever since I was a child, I have marveled at the hope people place in politics and the men and women who make promises to us.

If we get this person elected, we will begin to restore righteousness to the land...

Put your hope in this candidate... He will bring about the plan we all need for change and prosperity.

For the salvation of the country... We need to get this man in...

Then, like buying a brand-new car, when that first payment comes in, buyer's remorse sets in, and we realize the promises made to get the person there were never going to be fulfilled.

Then those who convinced us to get them in... start making excuses... well, if he just had the congress he needed, then he could have gotten more done...

If the Russians were not working against him every step of the way...

But the promises were so clear... none of that mattered on the campaign trail... There was so much confidence...

Politicians have been lying to the people since the days of Micah...

Micah looks out and cries, "You who hate good and love evil."

That could be said of all who are in power...

Micah describes cannibalistic and terrible abuses from the leadership...

Imagine how grotesque this...

God, through the prophet Micah saw it all in his day, He sees it in our day, “You who hate good and love evil... who strip the skin from My people, and the flesh from their bones, who also eat the flesh of My people, flay their skin from them, break their bones, and chop them in pieces like meat for the pot, like flesh in the caldron.”

Whatever was happening in secret rooms, God saw it all, and He was going to judge it...

These, of course, are the wartime tactics of the Assyrians, and as the leaders were doing to the people, God would do to them...

Then we read in verse 4...

4 Then they will cry to the LORD ,
But He will not hear them;
He will even hide His face from them at that time,
Because they have been evil in their deeds.

5 Thus says the LORD concerning the prophets

Who make my people stray;
Who chant "Peace"
While they chew with their teeth,
But who prepare war against him
Who puts nothing into their mouths:
6 "Therefore you shall have night without vision,
And you shall have darkness without divination;
The sun shall go down on the prophets,
And the day shall be dark for them.
7 So the seers shall be ashamed,
And the diviners abashed;
Indeed they shall all cover their lips;
For *there is* no answer from God."
8 But truly I am full of power by the Spirit of the
LORD,
And of justice and might,
To declare to Jacob his transgression
And to Israel his sin.

The false prophets were predicting peace... but the world was aligning itself for war...

They were saying, "Don't worry... the stock market is up... we are living in prosperous times..."

Eat and be merry...

But the enemy was lurking... God was sending His judgment.

These false messengers had no clue, they had no vision from heaven, no connection with God's Word...

The sun will go down on the prophets... There will be no help from God.

And when judgment comes, they will cry out to God, but He will not hear, He will not answer...

Micah says there in verse 8 that he was full of the Holy Spirit, and that was the difference between him and the false prophets.

The Spirit of God carried his fearless message as he stood against the corruption of his day.

God made him bold and brave; he was steadfast in his mission and in this fight against evil.

He could not be bought off... he couldn't care less about being popular... he did not care what the famous pastor on Instagram was doing...

It is interesting what some equate being filled with the Holy Spirit with today.

It is this funny, happy feeling that tingles down my back.

But the Holy Spirit does more than make you feel things; He makes you Holy.

The primary purpose of the Holy Spirit is to move us to obedience to God's Plan for our lives, not to give us chills and warm fuzzies.

God here fills Micah with Power from on High, for him to stand boldly and confidently against the powerful people in Israel, and to speak against their sins.

Verse 9 now...

9 Now hear this,

You heads of the house of Jacob

And rulers of the house of Israel,

Who abhor justice

And pervert all equity,

10 Who build up Zion with bloodshed

And Jerusalem with iniquity:

11 Her heads judge for a bribe,
Her priests teach for pay,
And her prophets divine for money.
Yet they lean on the LORD , and say,
"Is not the LORD among us?
No harm can come upon us."

12 Therefore because of you
Zion shall be plowed *like* a field,
Jerusalem shall become heaps of ruins,
And the mountain of the temple
Like the bare hills of the forest.

We see here that everyone was in it for the money... a culture built on greed, and making more money... the government, the priests, and the prophets...

The whole system was corrupt.

They had the best leadership that money could buy.

You could bribe your way through court... At church, the big givers were catered to; let's soften the message, not to offend, that way our tithe boxes will be full.

They won't give if we speak truth... if we offend... so we will tone it down... tickle ears...

The leaders were all bought.

It was riches in place of righteousness that motivated the rulers in both state and church.

And for most every human, there is a price... but it should not be this way for the people of God...

There should be things in your life that cost more than money...

What about peace of mind, moral integrity, what about your character?

Listen, if you are being tempted to sell out tonight, to compromise your Christian Morals for a temporary gain here on earth... You are really choosing the cheap over the real wealth.

Live for your reward in Glory... don't live for the instant gratification here and now... live openhanded in this life...

Live with integrity and a good conscience...

Keep your reputation above reproach...

With God's Help and Spirit, we can all be men and women of honest and trusted character.

The greedy in Micah's day trusted in uncertain riches as their comfort.

They thought wealth here and now meant God's Blessing.

You thought the prosperity Gospel was a new wind of doctrine, but we see it alive among the false prophets in Israel.

Micah tells them they will be judged...

Zion is going to be plowed like a field, and Jerusalem shall be a heap of ruins.

The Temple Mount will be bare.

Well, history tells us that Jerusalem in Micah's day actually heard the prophet and repented.

King Hezekiah cried out to God for deliverance.

In one night, God sent an angel who decimated 185,000 Assyrians, and Jerusalem was saved.

But verse 12 plays an interesting part in Israel's history. One hundred years later, when the prophet Jeremiah was on trial, some of the leading Jews stood up for Jeremiah using a comparison to Micah.

Jer. 26:18 "Micah of Moresheth prophesied in the days of Hezekiah king of Judah, and spoke to all the people of Judah, saying, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts:
"Zion shall be plowed *like* a field,
Jerusalem shall become heaps of ruins,
And the mountain of the temple
Like the bare hills of the forest.'"

They supported Jeremiah, saying that Micah's words were in their face, but the king did not kill him. Hezekiah listened.

And they suggested doing the same for Jeremiah.

But Jeremiah was ultimately rejected, and Micah's prophecy was still active.

It was not just for his day, but also for theirs.

That judgment Hezekiah was able to avoid, the Jews in Jeremiah's day experienced.

In 586 BC, the Babylonians plowed through Zion, leaving it a heap of ruins.

Proving what the Psalmist declared in

**Ps 119:160 The entirety of Your word *is* truth,
And every one of Your righteous judgments *endures*
forever.**

This is an incredible lesson for us to learn in our day.

Micah will tell us in Chapter 6 what the Lord requires.

**Mic 6:8 He has shown you, O man, what *is* good;
And what does the LORD require of you
But to do justly,
To love mercy,
And to walk humbly with your God?**

God desires us to be just and fair, to be forgiving and kind, be considerate, compassionate...

To look upon those who are going through things with empathy.

Just like He can see into the halls of our government, He can see into our hearts, and into our motives...

He desires a genuine love for people.

Maybe your love has waned... or you have lost focus on what is important in your life as you minister to those around you.

Let's be motivated to be like Micah, filled with the Holy Spirit, immovable, when everyone else is motivated by worldly reasons and pursuits; may it be our love for God and our fellow man that motivates our lives.

If you need to be refilled tonight... refreshed in the Lord...

If you lost focus and need to get back on track, come up and get a prayer tonight.

Let's pray...