

Micah 6:1–8

What the Lord Requires

God is revealed not through empty rituals, but through justice, mercy, and humility.

Listening Before Speaking

Micah opens with God calling His people to listen.

Not to commands first, but to relationship.

God invites the mountains and hills to witness the conversation.

This matters because it tells us the issue isn't small or momentary.

It's about a long history of faithfulness on God's part
and forgetfulness on ours.

God doesn't accuse right away.

He asks a question.

“What have I done to you?”

“How have I burdened you?”

This is the voice of a God who wants honesty,
not fear-driven obedience.

Remembering the Story

Before God names what He wants from His people,

He reminds them who He has been.

- Deliverer from slavery
- Redeemer when they had no power
- Guide through uncertain territory
- Protector when enemies threatened

God starts with grace.

He always does.

Faith loses its way when memory fades.

When we forget what God has done,
we start trying to earn what was never ours to earn.

When Religion Turns Anxious

The people respond with panic instead of trust.

“What should we bring?”

“How much is enough?”

“What will finally satisfy God?”

Their focus shifts from relationship to performance.

From faithfulness to fear.

Empty ritual isn't laziness.

It's frantic activity driven by insecurity.

God's Answer Is Clear

“He has shown you what is good.”

Not hidden.

Not complicated.

Not reserved for experts.

God names three ways of living that reveal His heart.

Act Justly

Justice begins close to home.

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- How we treat people
- How we speak when no one's watching
- How we use influence, even small amounts

Justice asks,

“Does this choice make life more whole for someone else?”

Love Mercy

Mercy is more than being nice.

It's a posture of compassion that refuses to harden.

- Giving grace instead of keeping score
- Seeing people as more than their worst moment
- Staying present when it's uncomfortable

Mercy remembers how much we've received.

Walk Humbly With Your God

Humility isn't weakness.

It's trust.

- Staying teachable
- Letting go of control
- Walking with God instead of ahead of Him

Humility keeps faith relational, not performative.

Jesus Lives This Way

Jesus doesn't just teach Micah 6:8.

He lives it.

- He notices the overlooked
- He touches the untouchable
- He chooses mercy over convenience
- He kneels to serve

In Jesus, justice restores,

mercy heals,

and humility takes flesh.

Living This Out

Faith isn't about doing more.

It's about living aligned with God's heart.

This week, consider:

- Where is justice calling me to act differently?
- Where is mercy asking me to soften?
- Where is humility inviting me to trust instead of control?

God is revealed when ordinary lives

are shaped by justice, mercy, and humility.

And grace walks with us as we learn.