

A Life Consistent With The Gospel

Micah 6:1-8
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He does not retain his anger forever,
because he delights in steadfast love.
¹⁹He will again have compassion on us;
he will tread our iniquities underfoot.
You will cast all our sins
into the depths of the sea. – Micah 7:18-19

I. We must watch our hearts to prevent forgetfulness (vv. 1-5)

*[1] Hear what the LORD says:
Arise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.*

*[2] Hear, you mountains, the indictment of the LORD,
and you enduring foundations of the earth,
for the LORD has an indictment against his people,
and he will contend with Israel.*

*[3] "O my people, what have I done to you?
How have I wearied you? Answer me!*

*[4] For I brought you up from the land of Egypt
and redeemed you from the house of slavery,
and I sent before you Moses,
Aaron, and Miriam.*

*[5] O my people, remember what Balak king of Moab devised,
and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him,
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the righteous acts of the LORD." – Micah 6:1-5*

II. We must look not at what we do for him but at what he did for us (vv. 6-7)

*[6] "With what shall I come before the LORD,
and bow myself before God on high?
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 thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" – Micah 6:6-7*

III. We must strive to live lives consistent with the Gospel (v. 8a-b)

*[8] He has told you, O man, what is good;
and what does the LORD require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God? – Micah 6:8a-b*

a. The Gospel affects our horizontal relationships.





In the Musical version of it, the Bishop tells Valjean this:

*"But remember this, my brother
See in this some higher plan
You must use this precious silver
To become an honest man*

*By the witness of the martyrs
By the passion and the blood
God has raised you out of darkness
I have bought your soul for god!*

- *When the fabric of justice is torn, people fall through the holes--usually the most vulnerable people. Weaving the fabric of justice means mending the holes for the sake of the vulnerable. But there is more, Justice as a tapestry reminds us that justice is beautiful. The tapestry of justice properly woven is something worth hanging on the wall of the world. - "The Common Rule", Justin Whitmel Earley*
- Zechariah 7:9-10

9“This is what the Lord Almighty said: ‘Administer true justice; show mercy and compassion to one another. 10 Do not oppress the widow or the fatherless, the foreigner or the poor. Do not plot evil against each other.’

- “In premodern, agrarian societies, these four groups had no social power. (...) Today this quartet would be expanded to include the refugee, the migrant worker, the homeless, and many single parents and elderly people. Any neglect shown to the needs of the members of this quartet is not called merely a lack of mercy or charity, but a violation of justice, of mishpat. God loves and defends those with the least economic and social power, and so should we. That is what it means to “do justice.” Tim Keller, *Generous Justice*

b. A life consistent with the Gospel flows from our vertical relationship. (v. 8c)

*[8] He has told you, O man, what is good;
and what does the LORD require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God? (ESV) – Micah 6:8*

- *““It is finished” is the lullaby of all things, our restless hearts included .” Justin Whitmel Earley*