



#8 “Justice on Trial”

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Sermon Outline Notes

The Prophetic Voice **REVEALS GOD’S TRUTH FOR THE**

PURPOSE OF RESTORING JUSTICE

When the sentence for a crime is not quickly carried out, people’s hearts are filled with schemes to do wrong. ¹² Although a wicked person who commits a hundred crimes may live a long time, I know that it will go better with those who fear God, who are reverent before him. Ecclesiastes 4:11-12

God’s Justice is put on trial **WHEN GOD DOES NOT DO**

WHAT HIS PEOPLE WANT HIM TO DO

I. Micah 6:1-5 - The Indictment

¹ Listen to what the Lord says: “Stand up, plead my case before the mountains; let the hills hear what you have to say...For the Lord has a case against his people; he is lodging a charge against Israel. ³ “My people, what have I done to you? How have I burdened you? Answer me. ⁴ I brought you up out of Egypt and redeemed you from the land of slavery...

God’s Justice **INDICTS ALL OF US WITH THE EVIDENCE OF**

GOD’S GRACE

For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, ²⁴ and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.”
1 Corinthians 11:23-26

II. Micah 6:6-7 - The Defense

⁶ 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?...Shall I offer my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?

God's Justice CAN NEVER BE MET WITH BRIBERY

It is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.

Hebrews 10:4-7

III. Micah 6:8 - The Rebuttal

⁸ He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

God's Justice REQUIRES FAIRNESS, MERCY, HUMILITY

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.”³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment.³⁹ And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ Matthew 22:36-40

IV. Micah 6:9-12 - Accusations or Charges

...¹¹ Shall I acquit someone with dishonest scales, with a bag of false weights? ¹² Your rich people are violent; your inhabitants are liars and their tongues speak deceitfully.

God's Justice IS VIOLATED BY CHEATING, VIOLENCE, AND

LYING

“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. Matthew 23:23-24

V. Micah 6:13-16 - Verdict & Sentencing

¹³ Therefore, I have begun to destroy you, to ruin you because of your sins.

¹⁴ You will eat but not be satisfied; your stomach will still be empty. You will store up but save nothing, because what you save I will give to the sword...

God's Justice CONVICTS OUR EMPTY PURSUITS AND

TESTIFIES TO FULFILLMENT IN GOD ALONE

Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows.⁸ Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. Galatians 6:7-8