

What God Wants

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

Do Justice

◆ Who defines justice?

- Justice is doing what is right. But who defines what is “right”? Who determines your “justice system”?

◆ God determines what is right – He is Creator

- God created **the Universe** (Gen 1:1-27)
- God created **the Rules** – He blessed the 7th day [2:3]; He said “don’t eat from the tree of knowledge” [2:17]
- God created our **Purpose** – He put man in the garden and told him to cultivate it (2:15)
- God created **Relationships** – He created man and woman and told them to become husband and wife (2:24)
- God created **Punishment** – He said “eat and you will die” (2:17); He created the punishment for the serpent, woman, & man (3:14-19)
- God created **Redemption** – He said man “will crush” the serpent’s head (3:15); He made the clothing to cover man’s nakedness (3:21)
- God created **Separation** – “He drove man out” (3:24)

The great issue in the world today is SIN – sin dishonors the Rule Maker; sin dishonors our Creator; sin corrupts His Holiness.

Love Kindness

◆ Kindness sent Jesus to the Cross for You

But **God demonstrates His own love toward us**, in that while we were yet sinners, **Christ died for us.** **Rom 5:8**

◆ Kindness allows You to Repent

Or **do you think lightly of the riches of His kindness** and tolerance and patience, not knowing that **the kindness of God leads you to repentance?** **Rom 2:4**

◆ Kindness allows You to Live under God’s Rule

- **Those who claim to know God will honor His rules** – God says those who don't are liars, and the truth is not in them – 1 Jn 2:4
- **The greatest kindness** you show toward God is **to honor what He wants** – “if you love Me you will obey Me” – Jesus

◆ Kindness Motivates Us to Love Each Other

- **We are to be gentle, forgiving, loving, merciful**, gracious, and patient toward others
- **Don't be confused by people with “superficial kindness”** who seem “good”, but in their hearts they do not want to honor God
- **When you live without remorse in opposition to what God says** you are living in rebellion against God – dishonoring God
- **We must love all sinners and pray they will turn from their sin** and accept His rule in their hearts – Rom 10:9
- **Our highest calling is to love the Lord our God with all our heart** and honor Him by doing what He wants

Walk humbly with Your God

◆ HE IS YOUR GOD

- He created you! You respect and honor His Rules, His definition of Relationships and Sexuality. You honor and respect His judgments, His Forgiveness, and His Salvation!
- Regardless of what others say, or their reasoning, you live to honor GOD and what He says and wants

◆ HE IS HOLY

And day and night they do not cease to say, "HOLY, HOLY, HOLY is THE LORD GOD, THE ALMIGHTY" **Rev 4:8**

- God's throne in heaven reveals that God is like a holy fire that searches deep into the hearts and minds of all people.
Know the God of your father, and **serve Him with a whole heart and a willing mind**; for **the LORD searches all hearts**, and understands every intent of the thoughts. If you seek Him, He will let you find Him; but if you forsake Him, He will reject you forever. 1 Chron 28:9
- God knows if people really want to honor Him; He knows if they respect His Word; He knows the motivations of our hearts. He knows whether they care more about fulfilling their own fleshly desires or if they really want to honor Him.

◆ HE IS JUDGE

- You don't have the role of condemning others. God does that. Just help point them to God's Word if they will listen
- If they will listen, seek to “speak the truth with love”
- If they don't want to listen, pray for them that they will come to understand God's righteousness and repent