

## Micah 6: What the Lord Requires of Us, Part 1

↪ We long for the day when God will judge the earth with perfect justice, restoring what was lost, making all things right and just. While we wait for God's heavenly invasion of justice, God calls us to be the difference wherever we find ourselves, **Matthew 5:14; 5:13. Micah 6:1-3**, strong words!

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### 1. God was indicting them because His people weren't doing what He put them there to do.

✓ **Mica 6:6-7**, they were religious, very religious; they very prosperous as well. So, they tried to pay God off with money and religion, hoping He'd let them slide on everything else. They were banking on false notion of "we can fall short with God and man and make it up with a sizable offering at the next worship service." God has performance requirements for us that He will not let us off on.

### 2. Three major requirements of God's people: Micah 6:8.

✓ **Requirement #1** "Do Justly" or "Act Justly," sacrifice is worthless unless it is supported by obedience, **James 2:18**; "Faith without works is dead." "Do" is the key here; it's not enough to think justly, to know justice, you have to do it. Justice isn't justice until you act on it.

### 3. Why do we need to act on justice?

1) Because God says so! There's nothing wrong with asking for an explanation, but make sure you are asking while you are doing what He has said.

2) Because God is just, **Psalms 37:28; Isaiah 30:18; Psalms 36:6**.

✓ It's not enough to wish for justice or complain about the lack of it; we are to work for it. Are you working for justice in the places you find yourself? We can't just be funding justice; we have to get our hands dirty. This raises and answers an often asked question: "If God is just, then why are we surrounded by so much injustice?"

Two men were discussing religion. One said to the other, "Sometimes I'd like to ask God why He allows poverty, famine and injustice when He could do something about it." "Well, why don't you ask Him?" "Because I'm afraid God might ask me the same thing."

### Popular song by Matthew West – "Do Something"

I just couldn't bear the thought of  
People living in poverty  
Children sold into slavery  
The thought disgusted me  
So, I shook my fist at Heaven  
"God, why don't You do something?"  
He said, "I did, yeah, I created you"

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