

# Sermon Study Guide



## What Does God Require of You?

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### Reflect

What kind of expectations are hard for you to meet? Why?

### Read and Discuss

#### Scripture

Micah 6:1-8

#### Discussion Questions

1. It is important for you as a Christian to know what God requires of you so that you can avoid wasting effort, time, energy, and resources, and instead focus yourself on what He actually wants of you. Read Micah 6:1-8. Who was Micah? What was the condition of the Israelites during his time? What conduct and way of life did they have that God could not tolerate? How are Christians of today similar to these Israelites?
2. God called Micah to expose this disconnection in the people's spirituality and their daily lifestyle (v. 1-3). God did not make the lives of the Israelites harder. He reminded them of four gracious and mighty acts that evidenced His unfailing faithfulness to them throughout all generations:
  - a. **God redeemed them from slavery (v. 4a).** What was the Israelites' life condition in Egypt? How did God redeem them out of slavery in the land of Egypt? What was your condition before you came to know Christ? How did God lead you out from the slavery of sin?
  - b. **God provided them with capable leaders (v. 4b).** Whom did God provide to the Israelites to lead and guide them? What does the presence of chosen leaders reveal to you about God's presence among them? What should you do in order to remember God's faithfulness to you in the past that should strengthen your faith in Him now and even in the future?
  - c. **God protected them from curse (v. 5a).** How did God protect His people from Balak's plan to hire prophet Balaam to bring curses to the people of God? What was given to His people instead of a curse? What does it tell you about this mighty act of God in protecting them?
  - d. **God led them into the Promised Land (v. 5b).** What did the Israelites have to go through that, without the help of God, would have prevented them from entering into the promised land? Share what it is in your life that you never would have accomplished without the intervention and help from God.
3. **What God does not want (v. 6-7).** What did the Israelites answer when God confronted them and reminded them of His faithfulness to them? Was God requiring material offerings and religious rites from them in exchange for His faithfulness? Do you think going to church regularly and giving offerings make up for your shortcomings to God? If these material and physical things are not that important to God, what really matters to Him? When are we wrong in our worship of God, according to Matthew 15:8?
4. **What God wants from us (v. 8).** What does this verse tell you about God's expectation from you? How is it similar to Romans 12:1? How do you live out your faith as God's redeemed by His grace? How do you live in righteousness (honest, just, and in godly ways)? What ways could Christians be known for loving mercy? How do you walk humbly with God, especially in your success?

### Respond

**In Walk:** God's expectation from His people is not really a matter of what we can do for Him or how much we can give Him. What really matters is our faithful and obedient heart towards Him—a faith that is seen through our daily living where we do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with God. Does God expect you to be perfect? What changes in your life should you make so that you will live according to His ways?

**In Prayer:** Heavenly Father, thank You for reminding me of your expectation from me. Thank You for looking into the heart and not just in behavior. You made your desire of how I am to live for Your glory clear and simple, but I tend to complicate things. Thank You for reminding me that with Your help, I can have joy and contentment when I resolve to live as You desire. In Jesus' name. Amen.