

Major Lessons from the Minor Prophets

Micah: God on the Stand

A picture of **judgment**:

Micah 1:1-5 (ESV)

¹The word of the LORD that came to Micah of Moresheth in the days of Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, which he saw concerning Samaria and Jerusalem. ²Hear, you peoples, all of you; pay attention, O earth, and all that is in it, and let the Lord GOD be a witness against you, the Lord from his holy temple. ³For behold, the LORD is coming out of his place, and will come down and tread upon the high places of the earth. ⁴And the mountains will melt under him, and the valleys will split open, like wax before the fire, like waters poured down a steep place. ⁵All this is for the transgression of Jacob and for the sins of the house of Israel. What is the transgression of Jacob? Is it not Samaria? And what is the high place of Judah? Is it not Jerusalem?

When God is the **eyewitness** ...

_____ is seen.

All testimony is _____ and _____.

When God is also the **judge** ...

His authority is _____

His judgments are _____

His power is _____

For what is God judging them?

The **misery** of sin and the **mercy** of God ...

Micah 7:1-6 (ESV)

¹Woe is me! For I have become as when the summer fruit has been gathered, as when the grapes have been gleaned: there is no cluster to eat, no first-ripe fig that my soul desires. ²The godly has perished from the earth, and there is no one upright among mankind; they all lie in wait for blood, and each hunts the other with a net. ³Their hands are on what is evil, to do it well; the prince and the judge ask for a bribe, and the great man utters the evil desire of his soul; thus they weave it together. ⁴The best of them is like a brier, the most upright of them a thorn hedge. The day of your watchmen, of your punishment, has come; now their confusion is at hand. ⁵Put no trust in a neighbor; have no confidence in a friend; guard the doors of your mouth from her who lies in your arms; ⁶for the son treats the father with contempt, the daughter rises up against her mother, the daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; a man's enemies are the men of his own house.

Some of sin's many **miserias** ...

_____ as _____

General breakdown of _____

Disintegration of the _____

How God judges:

Micah 2:1a (ESV)

¹ Woe to those who devise wickedness and work evil on their beds!

God judges us with _____!

Note: That is not the same to say that God's judgments are merely an impersonal system of _____ and _____. God's judgments are _____ and _____.

What God judges (most):

Micah 2:1-2 (ESV)

¹ Woe to those who devise wickedness and work evil on their beds! When the morning dawns, they perform it, because it is in the power of their hand. ² They covet fields and seize them, and houses, and take them away; they oppress a man and his house, a man and his inheritance.

_____ sin!

They _____ it, then _____ it!

God's response?

Micah 2:3 (ESV)

³ Therefore thus says the LORD: behold, against this family I am devising disaster, from which you cannot remove your necks, and you shall not walk haughtily, for it will be a time of disaster.

When is misery *mercy*?

Their response?

Micah 2:6 (ESV)

⁶ "Do not preach"—thus they preach— "one should not preach of such things; disgrace will not overtake us."

Why **the truth** – no matter how hard – **must be preached**:

The unrighteous need _____, not _____!

Micah 2:11 (ESV)

¹¹If a man should go about and utter wind and lies, saying, “I will preach to you of wine and strong drink,” he would be the preacher for this people!

Sound any like today?

The righteous need _____!

Micah 2:7 (ESV)

⁷Should this be said, O house of Jacob? Has the LORD grown impatient? Are these his deeds? Do not my words do good to him who walks uprightly?

God’s Word encourages believers ...

We _____ God and _____ man when we don’t speak the truth about both!

Next week: Micah, pt. 2