

What Does The Lord Require

(Micah 6:6-8)

- Introduction:
1. I think all of us would like to know just what the Lord requires of us in order to get to heaven.
 2. However, answering that question is not as easy as giving a list of rules — “Thou shalt...and Thou shalt not.”
 3. The Old Testament prophet, Micah, gives us an inspired answer to this most important question.
 4. Let’s examine this question together.

I. God Wants More Than Externals

- A. (Micah 6:6-7).
- B. (Isaiah 1:13-15; Amos 5:21-24).
- C. External actions without the involvement of the inward man are useless (Matthew 15:8-9; 1 Corinthians 13:1-3).

II. God Wants Us To Practice Justice

- A. (Micah 6:8).
- B. To do justice is to act righteously toward all men — not just some.
- C. How do you treat enemies, the poor, and the sick?
- D. (Romans 12:17) Provide things honest in the sight of all men.

III. God Wants Us To Love Mercy

- A. (Micah 6:8).
- B. Not just show mercy; but to love it.
- C. (Matthew 23:23).
- D. How different would our outlook on life be if we sought out opportunities to be merciful?
- E. (Matthew 18:21-35).
- F. (Matthew 7:1-2; James 2:13).

IV. God Wants Us To Walk Humbly With Him

- A. (Micah 6:8).
- B. (Amos 3:3) Can two walk together except they be agreed?
- C. (James 4:10) Humble yourself in the sight of the Lord...
- D. (Matthew 5:3) Blessed are the poor in spirit...

- Conclusion:
1. As you examine your life, are the above qualities the things that jump out at you?
 2. If your neighbor summed up your life, what would he say of you?
 3. If your God were to sum up your life right now, what would He say?