

The Lord's Requirement

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Micah 6:8 ... 8 He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God? (KJV)

Micah 6:8 ... 8 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? (NASB95)

Introduction

Revelation

“He has told you, O man, what is good” (Deut. 30:15-16; Eph. 3:3-5; 2 Tim. 3:16-17).

Deuteronomy 30:15-16 ... 15 “See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, and death and adversity; 16 in that I command you today to love the Lord your God, to walk in His ways and to keep His commandments and His statutes and His judgments, that you may live and multiply, and that the Lord your God may bless you in the land where you are entering to possess it. (NASB95)

Ephesians 3:3-5 ... 3 that by revelation there was made known to me the mystery, as I wrote before in brief. 4 By referring to this, when you read you can understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, 5 which in other generations was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed to His holy apostles and prophets in the Spirit; (NASB95)

2 Timothy 3:16-17 ... 16 All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; 17 so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work. (NASB95)

Requirement

“And what does the Lord require of you...” (Deut. 10:12-13; Luke 1:5-6; 1 Cor. 4:1-2).

Deuteronomy 10:12-13 ... 12 “Now, Israel, what does the Lord your God require from you, but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all His ways and love Him, and to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, 13 and to keep the Lord's commandments and His statutes which I am commanding you today for your good? (NASB95)

Luke 1:5-6 ... 5 In the days of Herod, king of Judea, there was a priest named Zacharias, of the division of Abijah; and he had a wife from the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. 6 They were both righteous in the sight of God, walking blamelessly in all the commandments and requirements of the Lord. (NASB95)

1 Corinthians 4:1-2 ... 1 Let a man regard us in this manner, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. 2 In this case, moreover, it is required of stewards that one be found trustworthy. (NASB95)

But To Do Justice

The Hebrew word *mishpat* refers to “judgment, court, case, decision, justice...”

- Thomas defines this word as “judgment” [4941].
- Swanson says it refers to (1) judgment, i.e., the act. of deciding a legal dispute or case; (2) court, i.e., a place where a legal case is decided; (3) case, lawsuit, i.e., a legal action taken in court; (4) decision, sentence, i.e., an official proclamation in a legal verdict; (5) justice, i.e., a state or condition of fairness in disputes; (6) law, regulation, prescription, specification, i.e., a spoken or written command which is to be obeyed, often with penalties for non-compliance; (7) plan, formally, prescription, i.e., a graphic or verbal description of how to build something; (8) share, i.e., what is a just amount of a whole; (9) custom, practice, i.e., a behavior which is more or less fixed and accepted as a normal practice” [5477].

Justice is Characteristic of God (Deut. 32:3-4; Ps. 9:7-8; 19:9-10; 89:14).

*Deuteronomy 32:3-4 ... 3 “For I proclaim the name of the Lord; Ascribe greatness to our God! 4 “The Rock! His work is perfect, For all His ways are ***just**; A God of faithfulness and without injustice, Righteous and upright is He. (NASB95)*

*Psalm 9:7-8 ... 7 But the Lord abides forever; He has established His throne for ***judgment**, 8 And He will judge the world in righteousness; He will execute judgment for the peoples with equity. (NASB95)*

*Psalm 19:9-10 ... 9 The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever; The ***judgments** of the Lord are true; they are righteous altogether. 10 They are more desirable than gold, yes, than much fine gold; Sweeter also than honey and the drippings of the honeycomb. (NASB95)*

*Psalm 89:14 ... 14 Righteousness and ***justice** are the foundation of Your throne; Lovingkindness and truth go before You. (NASB95)*

Justice is also Required of Man (Gen. 18:19; Lev. 19:35-37; Prov. 12:5; Isa. 1:16-17).

*Genesis 18:19 ... 19 “For I have chosen him, so that he may command his children and his household after him to keep the way of the Lord by doing righteousness and ***justice**, so that the Lord may bring upon Abraham what He has spoken about him.” (NASB95)*

*Leviticus 19:35-37 ... 35 'You shall do no wrong in ***judgment**, in measurement of weight, or capacity. 36 'You shall have just balances, just weights, a just ephah, and a just hin; I am the Lord your God, who brought you out from the land of Egypt. 37 'You shall thus observe all My statutes and all My ordinances and do them; I am the Lord.' "* (NASB95)

*Proverbs 12:5 ... 5 The thoughts of the righteous are ***just**, But the counsels of the wicked are deceitful.* (NASB95)

*Isaiah 1:16-17 ... 16 "Wash yourselves, make yourselves clean; Remove the evil of your deeds from My sight. Cease to do evil, 17 Learn to do good; Seek ***justice**, Reprove the ruthless, Defend the orphan, Plead for the widow.* (NASB95)

To Love Kindness

The Hebrew word *hesed/chesed* refers to "loyal love, unfailing kindness, devotion, i.e., a love or affection that is loyal and steadfast."

- Thomas defines this word as "goodness, kindness" [2617a].
- Swanson says it refers to "(1) loyal love, unfailing kindness, devotion, i.e., a love or affection that is steadfast based on a prior relationship; (2) glory, i.e., lovely appearance; (3) favor, i.e., the giving benefits" [2876].

Loving-Kindness is Characteristic of God (Exod. 34:6-7; Ps. 23:6; 86:5; Mic. 7:18).

*Exodus 34:6-7 ... 6 Then the Lord passed by in front of him and proclaimed, "The Lord, the Lord God, compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in ***lovingkindness** and truth; 7 who keeps lovingkindness for thousands, who forgives iniquity, transgression and sin; yet He will by no means leave the guilty unpunished, visiting the iniquity of fathers on the children and on the grandchildren to the third and fourth generations."* (NASB95)

*Psalm 23:6 ... 6 Surely goodness and ***lovingkindness** will follow me all the days of my life, And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.* (NASB95)

*Psalm 86:5 ... 5 For You, Lord, are good, and ready to forgive, And abundant in ***lovingkindness** to all who call upon You.* (NASB95)

*Micah 7:18 ... 18 Who is a God like You, who pardons iniquity And passes over the rebellious act of the remnant of His possession? He does not retain His anger forever, Because He delights in ***unchanging *love**.* (NASB95)

Loving-Kindness is also Required of Man (Ps. 141:5; Prov. 3:3; 19:22; 31:26).

*Psalm 141:5 ... 5 Let the righteous smite me in ***kindness** and reprove me; It is oil upon the head; Do not let my head refuse it, For still my prayer is against their wicked deeds.* (NASB95)

*Proverbs 3:3 ... 3 Do not let *kindness and truth leave you; Bind them around your neck, Write them on the tablet of your heart. (NASB95)*

*Proverbs 19:22 ... 22 What is desirable in a man is his *kindness [margin: or loyalty], And it is better to be a poor man than a liar. (NASB95)*

*Proverbs 31:26 ... 26 She opens her mouth in wisdom, And the teaching of *kindness is on her tongue. (NASB95)*

To Walk Humbly

The Hebrew word *tsana* refers to one who is “humble, modest, i.e., pertaining to humility and lack of pretentiousness or pride.”

- Thomas defines this word as “to be modest or humble” [6800].
- Swanson say it means “humble, modest, i.e., pertaining to humility and lack of pretentiousness or pride” [7560].
- This word occurs only once (Mic. 6:8), and its derivative once (Prov. 11:2).

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*Proverbs 11:2 ... 2 When pride comes, then comes dishonor, But with the *humble is wisdom. (NASB95)*

God is Awesome and Exalted (Exod. 15:1-3; Ps. 34:1-3; 97:7-9).

Exodus 15:1-3 ... 1 Then Moses and the sons of Israel sang this song to the Lord, and said, “I will sing to the Lord, for He is highly exalted; The horse and its rider He has hurled into the sea. 2 “The Lord is my strength and song, And He has become my salvation; This is my God, and I will praise Him; My father’s God, and I will extol Him. 3 “The Lord is a warrior; The Lord is His name. (NASB95)

Psalms 34:1-3 ... 1 A Psalm of David when he feigned madness before Abimelech, who drove him away and he departed. I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth. 2 My soul will make its boast in the Lord; The humble will hear it and rejoice. 3 O magnify the Lord with me, And let us exalt His name together. (NASB95)

Psalms 97:7-9 ... 7 Let all those be ashamed who serve graven images, Who boast themselves of idols; Worship Him, all you gods. 8 Zion heard this and was glad, And the daughters of Judah have rejoiced Because of Your judgments, O Lord. 9 For You are the Lord Most High over all the earth; You are exalted far above all gods. (NASB95)

Man should be Humble and Lowly (Prov. 11:2; Ps. 25:9; 37:11; 76:9).

*Psalm 25:9 ... 9 He leads the humble in justice, And He teaches the humble His way.
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*Psalm 37:11 ... 11 But the humble will inherit the land And will delight themselves in
abundant prosperity. (NASB95)*

*Psalm 76:9 ... 9 When God arose to judgment, To save all the humble of the earth. Selah.
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