

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).

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

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).

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

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).

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

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).

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

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