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WHAT DOES THE LORD REQUIRE?

MICAH 6:8



The Context of the Requirement

The Lord's Complaint

- His case against the people (**vv. 1-2**) – **cf. 1:8-9, 12-13**
- Have I wearied you? (**v. 3**)
- Manifestations of His grace – deliverance (**v. 4a**), guidance (**v. 4b**), protection (**v. 5a**), blessing (**v. 5b**)
- What more could He have done? (**cf. Isaiah 5:3-4**)

The Context of the Requirement

The People's Ignorance

- Not just of the law, but the Lord – (v. 6a); Acts 17:24-25; Isaiah 1:10-15
- Quality? (v. 6b) – Psalm 51:16-17
- Quantity? (v. 7a) – Psalm 50:9-11
- Subjective value? (v. 7b) – Leviticus 18:21; Luke 16:15





The Nature of the Requirement

Revelation – *“He has shown you”*
(1 Corinthians 2:9-12; Luke 10:25-28;
1 Samuel 15:22; Deut. 10:12-13)

Standard – *“what is good”*
(Matthew 19:16-17; Genesis 1:21;
1 Samuel 12:23)

Obligation – *“what does the Lord
require of you”* (Deuteronomy 4:1-4;
Matthew 7:21-23)



The Requirement

Do Justly

- *mišpâṭ* – right, that which is just, lawful, according to law. (Gesenius' Hebrew-Chaldee Lexicon)
- Judgment for injustice – **Micah 6:9-12; 3:1-3**
- God wants justice in our relationships – **Colossians 3:17-4:1; 1 Timothy 3:7**



The Requirement

Love Mercy

- Not merely doing right by law – **cf. Romans 5:7**
- Judged for lacking mercy, compassion, care for man – **Micah 2:1-5; Isaiah 3:13-15**
- Love mercy – **Luke 6:31, 36; Philippians 2:3-4**



The Requirement

Love Mercy

- *ḥesed* – “implies personal involvement and commitment in a relationship beyond the rule of law.” (VINE)
- God to man – **Micah 7:18-20**
- Man to God – **Hosea 6:4-6**

The Requirement

Walk Humbly With Your God

- Humility is key – **1 Samuel 15:17-19**
- His will must not be minimized – **Micah 2:6, 11; 3:5-7, 11**
- Not questioning or belittling His will, but full surrender – **Acts 4:18-20; Luke 5:5; Colossians 3:17**



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