



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)



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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)

Do Justly

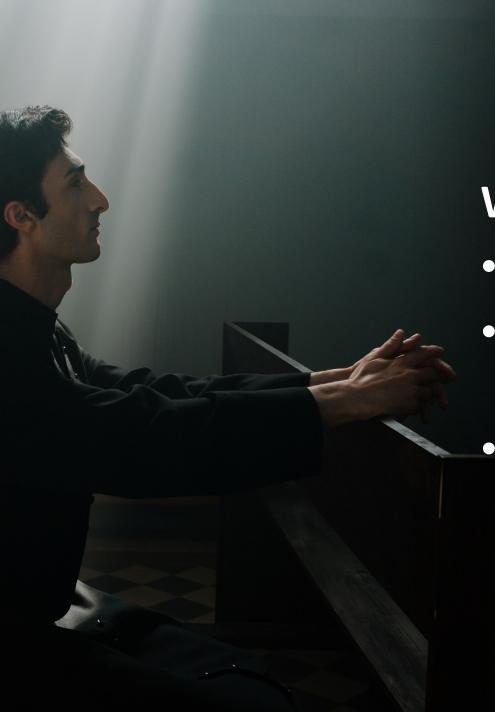
- mišpâț right, that which is just, lawful, according to law. (Gesenius' Hebrew-Chaldee Lexicon)
- Judgment for injustice Micah 6:9-12;
 3:1-3
- God wants justice in our relationships
 - Colossians 3:17-4:1; 1 Timothy 3:7

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

Love Mercy

- hesed "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



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

