

# God's Judgment and Hope in Micah

A contemporary of Isaiah, the prophet Micah is most well-known for the famous verse “He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God” (Micah 6:8). But Micah delivers this famous verse in the midst of prophecy after prophecy declaring God’s judgment on both Israel and Judah for their unfaithfulness to God’s covenant. Join us as we explore the themes of judgment and hope woven throughout Micah’s prophecies. Together, we’ll study his powerful imagery and discuss how Micah’s messages help us understand God’s character so we may walk faithfully with him today.

**AWARENESS** Before listening reflect on what you already know or understand about topics we'll cover in the episode.

- What are some of the reasons people like parents and teachers repeat themselves?
- What are the worst crimes or injustices you can imagine?



**LISTEN TO THE EPISODE:** [God's Judgment and Hope in Micah](#)

**READ** [Micah 1-7](#)

**REFLECTION** After listening, consider the following questions:

- In segment 1, hosts Darrell Delaney and Scott Hoezee discuss Israel’s “covenant unfaithfulness.” They refer to the covenant God made with Abraham ([Genesis 17](#)) and Israel ([Exodus 6](#)) to be their God and they would be his people. This is the covenant that God, through Micah and many other prophets, regularly accused Israel of failing to uphold. Do you think the church today struggles to maintain our part of the covenant with God like Israel did? Why or why not?
- In segment 2, Scott and Darrell discuss the shocking, grotesque imagery Micah uses to try to get the attention of the Israelites. They discuss the false prophets who were taking bribes to tell people what they wanted to hear. What part of the conversation made you most uncomfortable or squeamish? Do you think there is anything comparable in the church today?
- What does it mean to you that God, amidst passages of searing judgment and calls to repentance, also tucks in promises of hope? What does it tell you about God?
- In segment 3, Darrell says, “I love that there is a rhythm there, and even in our own personal lives. If we go off the rails and we disobey God, there is a God who will address that sin and not act like it didn’t happen, but also gives an opportunity for restoration.” Do you recognize this rhythm in your own life? What about in worship?

**RELATED PASSAGES** for further study

[Ezekiel 34](#), [Matthew 2:1-6](#), [1 Samuel 3](#)

## CONCLUSION

Ultimately, God wants us to devote our hearts to him and for us to live in the ways he has taught us. Reread [Micah 6:6-8](#). What might be some modern parallels to the Old Testament sacrifices in verses 6-7? What does it look like to you in your life to live out verse 8? Conclude your time of reflection by reading and praying [Micah 7:18-19](#). If you desire, add your own responses to “Who is a God like you, who...?”

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