

The 12 Minor Prophets

“The Lord Wants Justice” - Micah 3-4:5
Sunday, December 16, 2012

INTRODUCTION

REVIEW: God Wants a Holy People (Micah 1-2)

A. God is Holy (1:1-16)

1. God wants a holy people to dwell in their midst and be their God
2. The people must be holy as His habitation
3. God's holy character demands sin be judged

B. Sin is rampant amongst His people (2:1-11)

1. Ungodly leadership (**vv.1-5**)
2. Rejection of God's Word (**vv.6-11**)

C. Only the Holy will see God (2:12-13)

1. God will assemble His holy remnant to Himself (**v.12**)
2. God will lead His holy remnant in victory (**v.13**)

D. Only God can make His people Holy

1. God alone can rescue (**7:7, 18-20**)
2. The great Shepherd of the sheep has come

TODAY: God Wants Justice (Micah 3-4:5)

A. Leaders are measured by justice (3:1-4)

1. Civil leaders
2. There should be a delight in God's love...instead there is a reveling in evil
3. This is atrocious to God (cannibalistic imagery)
4. God will hide his face when things get desperate enough, and will not be found
5. This is a common grace that should be preserved in society, but it's not gospel in and of itself

B. Prophets should proclaim justice (3:5-8)

1. The prophets are not off the hook...like the civil leaders they are admonished for their guilt
2. The prophets fell in line with the nominal peace in the political arena by sharing common beliefs
3. Eventually, this teaching will not sustain, and when it runs dry and is unacceptable, God will not be found
4. The true prophets place hope in God not in goods

C. God is never unjust (3:9-12)

1. God is the standard of justice, and it's rooted in His character
2. Injustice, at its heart, takes advantage of others for the benefit of some
3. The presumption of God's presence is dangerous
4. God is sovereign, yes, but the reason for God's righteous judgment is man's sin

D. God will perfectly mete out justice (4:1-5)

1. God's Presence will rule on "that day"
2. He will bring to Himself a holy people from the nations
3. They desire to learn of Him because they are His

4. God will exact peace based on His righteous judgment
5. The people of God remain undaunted in their singular devotion to God

The Application

A. Now, where is Christ in this text?

1. **Isaiah 9:1-7**
2. The House of Jacob (**Luke 1:30-33**)
3. **Acts 8:31-35**

B. What do we do with justice?

C. How does justice lead to worship?