

WHAT DOES THE LORD REQUIRE OF US?!

Micah 6: 6-8

6 With what shall I come before the LORD,
And bow myself before the High God?
Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings,
With calves a year old?
7 Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,
Ten thousand rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
The fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?
8 He has shown you, O man, what is good;
And what does the LORD require of you
But to do justly,
To love mercy,
And to walk humbly with your God?

To come before means to make an approach in true worship.

Hebrews 11:6

6 But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

Hebrews 4:16

16 Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Hebrews 13:6

6 So we may boldly say:

*" The LORD is my helper;
I will not fear.
What can man do to me?"^[a]*

- I. Do Justly**
- II. Love Mercy**
- III. Walk Humbly**

These three phrases summarize the proper attitude that must be demonstrated in true worship of God.

The majority of the people of Israel had violated each of these standards repeatedly.

The rulers of that day did not know justice, had no interest in mercy and demonstrated no humility.

It is God who ultimately gives us the strength to exercise these virtues of Godly living.

God has shown us what is good.

The sin of omission

James 4:17

¹⁷ Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do *it*, to him it is sin.

I. DO JUSTLY

Genesis 6:9

⁹ This is the genealogy of Noah. Noah was a just man, perfect in his generations. Noah walked with God.

Proverbs 4: 18-19

¹⁸ But the path of the just *is* like the shining sun,^[a]
That shines ever brighter unto the perfect day.
¹⁹ The way of the wicked *is* like darkness;
They do not know what makes them stumble.

To walk in the way of wisdom and avoid the path of the wicked at all costs.

One road is the way of light. The other road is the way of darkness.

One leads to promise, the other to destruction.

Proverbs 3:5-12

- ⁵ Trust in the LORD with all your heart,
And lean not on your own understanding;
⁶ In all your ways acknowledge Him,
And He shall direct^[a] your paths.
⁷ Do not be wise in your own eyes;
Fear the LORD and depart from evil.
⁸ It will be health to your flesh,^[b]
And strength^[c] to your bones.
⁹ Honor the LORD with your possessions,
And with the firstfruits of all your increase;
¹⁰ So your barns will be filled with plenty,
And your vats will overflow with new wine.
¹¹ My son, do not despise the chastening of the LORD,
Nor detest His correction;
¹² For whom the LORD loves He corrects,
Just as a father the son *in whom* he delights.

Listen to what God had to say about Abraham

Genesis 19:19 "For I have known Him, in order that he may command his children and his household after him, that they keep the way of the Lord, to do righteousness and justice. That the Lord may bring to Abraham what He has spoken to him."

To do justly is to do no wrong to anyone and to do right to every person.

God is no respecter of persons. He has no favorites.

Romans 12:21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Church sign: "Those who anger you control you."

Galatians 6:9-10

⁹ And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. ¹⁰ Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.

II. LOVE MERCY

To bring to justice means:
To cause a wrong doer to be tried in court and punished.

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Psalms 89:1

¹ I will sing of the mercies of the LORD forever;
With my mouth will I make known Your faithfulness to all generations.

Psalms 89:14

¹⁴ Righteousness and justice *are* the foundation of Your throne;
Mercy and truth go before Your face.

Matthew 5:7

⁷ Blessed *are* the merciful,
For they shall obtain mercy.

Hebrews 8:12

¹² *For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their lawless deeds^[a] I will remember no more.*[†]

Luke 18:13

¹³ And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise *his* eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!'

James 5:11

¹¹ Indeed we count them blessed who endure. You have heard of the perseverance of Job and seen the end *intended by* the Lord—that the Lord is very compassionate and merciful.

III. WALK HUMBLY

Psalms 9:12

¹² When He avenges blood, He remembers them;
He does not forget the cry of the humble.

Philippians 2:8

⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to *the point of* death, even the death of the cross.

James 1:9-11

⁹ Let the lowly brother glory in his exaltation, ¹⁰ but the rich in his humiliation, because as a flower of the field he will pass away. ¹¹ For no sooner has the sun risen with a burning heat than it withers the grass; its flower falls, and its beautiful appearance perishes. So the rich man also will fade away in his pursuits.

Romans 12:3

³ For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think *of himself* more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith.

Romans 12:10

¹⁰ Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another;

Romans 12:16

¹⁶ Be of the same mind toward one another. Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own opinion.

Seven things that God hates

Proverbs 6: 16-19

¹⁶ These six *things* the LORD hates,
Yes, seven *are* an abomination to Him:
¹⁷ A proud look,
A lying tongue,
Hands that shed innocent blood,
¹⁸ A heart that devises wicked plans,
Feet that are swift in running to evil,
¹⁹ A false witness *who* speaks lies,
And one who sows discord among brethren.

Meekness is not weakness
Meekness/humility is strength under control

CONCLUSION:

God what do you want from me?

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JUST AS I AM

Just as I am, without one plea,
But that thy blood was shed for me,
And that Thou biddst me come to Thee
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

Just as I am, and waiting not
To rid my soul of one dark blot;
To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,
O Lamb of God I come, I come!

Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because Thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

AT CALVARY

Years I spent in vanity and pride,
Caring not my Lord was crucified.
Knowing not it was for me He died
On Calvary

Chorus:
Mercy there was great and grace was free,
Pardon there was multiplied to me,
There my burdened soul found liberty
At Calvary

By God's Word at last my sin I learned;
Then I trembled at the law I'd spurned.
'Til my guilty soul imploring turned
To Calvary

Now I've given to Jesus everything;
Now I gladly own Him as my King;
Now my raptured soul can only sing
Of Calvary

O the love that drew salvation's plan!
O the grace that brought it down to man!
O the mighty gulf that God did span
At Calvary