

**Ungodly Greed**

**3rd in the “Who is a God like you?” Series**

Micah 2:1-13, p. 776

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7) How do we read the Bible and so easily observe its judgment against

 the sins of others and not see its judgment against us and our sin?

8) How can Christians determine what sinful materialism and greed

 looks like in a culture where it is rampant and commonplace?

9) If it is not wrong to make lots of money (in the providence of God,

 not because of sin), then how should our wealth be managed in ways

 that reflect a love for God and love for neighbor?

10) How is God using Micah 2 to rebuke you of your sinful desire for

 self-giving materialism and consumption?

**Further study this week**: Matthew 6:19-24 on serving God not money (Mon); Matthew 19:16-30 on leaving material possessions for Christ (Tues); James 5:1-6 on warning to the rich (Wed); Ecclesiastes 5:8-20 on the vanity of wealth (Thurs); 1 Timothy 6:17-19 on instructions to the wealthy (Fri).

**PRAYER REQUESTS:**

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**Introduction**

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In this passage God calls out our sinful greed, and directs us to see the riches Christ alone provides.

**The Text: Micah 2:1-13**

1. God will judge the money-loving, greedy, and materialistic sin of his people (vv. 1-5).
2. A symptom of the idol of materialism and greed is a misappropriation of God’s grace (vv. 6-11)
3. God will also save his people from their love of money and satisfy them in Christ (vv. 12-13).
4. Some reflections and applications on God’s judgment against the idol of materialism and greed.
5. *Our modern Western culture needs to hear a text like Micah 2*

*and ask, “When is enough enough?”*

*b) Let me be more specific: our church needs to hear the message*

 *of judgment from Micah 2.*

*c) Our most obvious response to the sinful desire for self-giving*

 *materialism and consumption is the God-giving offering of our*

 *wealth to God in response to our love of God.*

*d) A further response to the sinful desire for self-giving*

 *materialism and consumption is the development of neighbor-*

 *giving habits and practices in response to our love of neighbor.*

**Response**

Listen, Hope Church, to God’s judgment against our materialism and greed!

**Would you like to be involved in a Small group? Contact Pastor Brad at pastorbrad@hefc.net**

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1. Starter Question: Is it good for Christians to make basic guidelines for things like sexual/violent movies, the use of alcohol, and “swear” words? Should there also, then, be basic guidelines for spending, possessions, amount of income spent on one’s own family, and giving to the Lord and to those in need?
2. Read the text aloud and discuss together any significant observations or issues needing clarification.
3. How does v. 1 explain not only the greedy calculations of people in positions of economic authority, but also the power to follow through on their self-interest?
4. V. 2 explains that these wealthy/powerful/greedy people “covet” the resources of others. What makes people with enough or even a lot of resources to covet more?
5. How do vv. 3-5 teach us about God’s hatred and response to selfish greed and materialism?
6. V. 6 gives the response of the rich to Micah’s message of judgment. How can they think they are innocent before God?