



**Ungodly Leaders and Shepherds**  
**4<sup>th</sup> in the “Who is a God like you?” Series**  
**Micah 3:1-12 p. 777**  
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**Introduction**

In this passage God calls out injustice in our secular and spiritual leaders, and directs us to Christ’s justice.

**The Text: Micah 3:1-12**

- 1) God has a message of judgment for political and secular leaders (vv. 1-4).
  
- 2) God has a message of judgment for religious and spiritual leaders (vv. 5-8).
  
- 3) The judgment of God explains how God himself is our Prophet, Priest, and King (vv. 9-12).
  
- 4) Some reflections and applications on God’s judgment against ungodly leaders and shepherds.
  - (a) All government leaders and church shepherds should reflect the justice of God.*
  
  - (b) The citizen who is a Christian should seek the justice of God in their city, country, and the world.*
  
  - (c) The Christian church should have a ministry of justice – pursuing the common good with God’s common grace.*
  
  - (d) The Christian church must have a prophetic voice for justice – God’s justice!*

**Response**

Hope Church, in a world of ungodly leaders and shepherds, sit under and serve the justice of God!

## Sunday Text Questions for Micah 3:1-12

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- 1) Starter Question: In what ways is God's justice lacking in our culture and country today?
- 2) Read the text aloud and discuss together any significant observations or issues needing clarification.
- 3) How is the question posed to the leaders of Israel in v. 1 serving as a rebuke?
- 4) How do secular leaders in general, even our own country's leaders, "hate the good and love the evil" (v. 2)?
- 5) Vv. 2b-3 use graphic and cannibalistic imagery to depict the leaders devouring the resources of the poor and needy – of the people they lead. How might our secular leaders do this?
- 6) According to v. 5, the spiritual leaders in Micah's days acted similar to the secular leaders. How is this also true with some spiritual leaders today?
- 7) What might the judgment of God against the spiritual leaders in vv. 6-7 look like in reality?
- 8) Are there spirit-led, justice-dealing spiritual leaders like Micah in v. 8 in the church today? How do they embody godly leadership?
- 9) How should the final judgment of God in vv. 9-12 make the civilian and church member respond? How might it cause you to repent, to pray, to act, or even to long for Christ?
- 10) How can you, a civilian, pursue justice for others in the place you live? How can you, a local church member, pursue the justice of Christ in the place you minister?

**Further study this week:** Jeremiah 23 on false shepherds and prophets (Mon); 1 Timothy 3:1-13 on the qualifications for leaders in the church (Tues); Ezekiel 34:1-24 on evil shepherds (Wed); Mark 10:35-45 on servant leaders (Thurs); Matthew 23 on Christ's judgment against false shepherds (Fri).