

I Will Look to the Lord Last in the "Who is a God like you?" Series Micah 7:1-20, p. 780 June 24, 2018 Pastor Mickey Klink

Introduction

In this passage God declares his greatness and exhorts us to look to him as we live and minister in this world.

The Text: Micah 7:1-20

1) The brokenness in our world and lives reflects a deep-rooted sin that that should cause us to look to Christ (vv. 1-7).

2) Only God can redeem all things, who alone is our loving Savior and sovereign Lord (vv. 8-20).

- 3) How can we rightly sit under the book of Micah and respond to God's Holy Word?
 - (a) Micah exhorts the church to be a prophetic voice in our contemporary world.
 - (b) Micah challenges cheap grace and invites the Christian into a real life-changing encounter with Christ.
 - (c) Micah rebukes our culture's greed and self-love and commands the church to actively pursue justice.

Response

Who is like our God? Let us look to him for all things and glorify him with our justice, mercy, and faith.

Sunday Text Questions for Micah 7:1-20 July 1, 2018 Pastor Mickey Klink

- 1) Starter Question: What have you learned from the book of Micah, and what have you learned about reading a prophetic book?
- 2) Read the text aloud and discuss together any significant observations or issues needing clarification.
- 3) Vv. 1-4 depict a global epidemic of wickedness in the world, including among the people of God. How do we see that happening in our country and world today?
- 4) How does the end of v. 4 suggest the allowance of such wickedness is a judgment from God, and how do you respond to that truth?
- 5) Vv. 5-6 depict a global epidemic of rebellion in the world, again including the people of God. How do we see such rebellion, even in core social units like the family, happening in our country and world today?
- 6) What does it mean in v. 7 to "look to the Lord" in light of such wickedness? How can a Christian actually act out such a statement?
- 7) How does Micah set a good example for us of repentance in vv. 8-9? How can we be contrite and penitent before God as we humbly acknowledge our individual and corporate sin?
- 8) How does Micah as a whole exhort the church to be a "prophetic voice" in our contemporary world? What might that look like in practice?
- 9) How does Micah as a whole challenge "cheap grace" and invite the Christian into a real life-changing encounter with Christ? Again, what might that look like?
- 10) How does Micah as a whole rebuke our culture's greed and self-love and command the church to actively purpose justice, especially regarding larger social issues? Again, what might that look like?

Further study this week: Isaiah 1:1-20, esp. v. 17 on seeking justice (Mon); Zechariah 7, esp. vv. 9-10, on a call for justice and mercy (Tues); Proverbs 31:1-9, exp. vv. 8-9, on the wisdom of justice (Wed); Jeremiah 22:1-10, esp. v. 3, on judgment on those who neglect justice (Thurs); Psalm 82, esp. v. 3, on the command for justice (Fri).