

“Are You Ready for the Test?”

Sunday, October 17, 2021, 10:30 a.m.

Whitneyville Bible Church, Alto, MI

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Micah 6:1-8

BIG IDEA: I need to measure my life by the right standard.

*“He has told you, O man, what is good;
and what does the LORD require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?”*

Micah 6:8 (ESV)



God’s standard is EXCELLENT.



God’s standard is EXPECTED.



God’s standard EXEMPLIFIES the LAW.

- Pursue JUSTICE.
- Pursue FAITHFULNESS.
- Pursue HUMILITY.



NOTE: Old Testament version of The Great Commandment:

- Love GOD:
 - Don’t have any other gods.
 - Don’t make or worship idols.

- Don’t misappropriate the Name of the LORD.
- Remember the Sabbath.
- Love OTHERS:
 - Honor Dad & Mom.
 - Don’t murder people.
 - Don’t commit adultery.
 - Don’t take anything that doesn’t belong to you.
 - Don’t lie to or about others.
 - Don’t long for anyone’s stuff.

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THINK: Reflect on this court room scene and then ask yourself these questions:

Have you ever been summoned for jury duty? Have you ever been a witness in a jury trial? Describe that experience. In Micah 6, who is the accused? Who are the chief witnesses? Who serves as ultimate Judge? What makes God’s case against Israel so convincing (v2-5)? What evidence do Moses, Aaron & Miriam provide? What did Balak counsel and Balaam answer (see Numbers 22-24)? How does the journey from “the Acacia Grove to Gilgal” (see Joshua 2-4) strengthen God’s case? Under cross-examination, what does the accused have to say (v6-7)? What does their silence imply? Are they guilty as charged? Why? Why is their “religion” inadequate? What will the Lord accept instead? Why? What does biblical justice look like? How does God know when we “love faithfulness”? Can you think of any biblical characters who walked humbly with God? What does humility before God look like? Are the 10 Commandments valid for today? Why or why not?

DO: Think of areas of your life where you might be doing the right thing, but your heart isn’t really in it. Think of areas of your life where you might be intentionally being disobedient. Ask God to help you measure your life by His standard. Write your “closing argument” for your “defense” in God’s court.