

Micah 6:8

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The book of Micah is a prophecy about the Lord who has no rivals in pardoning sin and at the same time having compassion on the sinners. Various attributes of God are mentioned in this book such as: The Majesty of His Name, His face, His strength, His righteousness, His ways, His thoughts, His indignation, and His anger against all forms of moral rebellion. God's compassion and covenant faithfulness are unique to Him. Micah's prophetic words are alive with hope and encouragement. As you read through this slim but important book, you cannot help but be impressed with our God and King. In fact, the question in Chapter 7:18 states, "Who is a God like You?"

The beginning chapters (1-3) of Micah cover the Lord's coming in judgment, His condemnation of the leadership of the people both governmentally and spiritually, and the Lord's coming universal kingdom. In the final two chapters the Lord presents His case and the Lord's salvation is present as the nation's hope.*

In Chapter six, the Lord presents His case to His people in verses one through five. Micah, on behalf of the people asks the questions they might be asking the Lord. He speaks for them asking what shall I do or what shall I bring to make amends to God? Then in verse eight the Holy Spirit through the prophet answers the people. It states "He (God) 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. These three things are what God requires. What exactly does the word requires mean? Webster's dictionary defines it as: to seek, to claim or to ask by right or authority, to demand as necessary or essential, to impose as a command. The people did know God's requirements because it was already given them in the Pentateuch in Deuteronomy 10:12-20. Now, let's examine a little closer the three requirements listed in Micah 6:8.

To do justly is the first requirement listed. According to the Matthew Henry commentary this means to: render to all their due, do wrong to no one, do right to all in body, goods, and a good name. To do justly according to Webster's is to act in conformity to a standard of correctness, to act in fairness. Jesus is our example in this as He should be in all we do.

In Mark 12:28-34 in this instance a scribe came to the Lord and asked Him what is the first commandment of all.

²⁸Then one of the scribes came up and listened to them disputing with one another, and, noticing that Jesus answered them fitly *and* admirably, he asked Him, Which commandment is first *and* most important of all [in its nature]? ²⁹Jesus answered, The first *and* principal *one of all commands* is: Hear, O Israel, The Lord our God is one Lord; ³⁰And you shall love the Lord your God out of *and* with your whole heart and out of *and* with all your soul (your life) and out of *and* with all your mind (with your faculty of thought and your moral understanding) and out of *and* with all your strength. *This is the first and principal commandment.* ³¹The second *is like it and* is this, You shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these. ³²And the scribe said to Him, Excellently *and* fitly *and* admirably answered, Teacher! You have said truly that He is One, and there is no other but Him; ³³And to love Him out of *and* with all the heart and with all the understanding [with the faculty of quick apprehension and intelligence and keenness of discernment] and with all the strength, and to love one's neighbor as oneself, is much more than all the whole burnt offerings and sacrifices. ³⁴And when Jesus saw that he answered intelligently (discreetly and having his wits about him), He said to him, You are not far from the kingdom of God. And after that no one ventured *or* dared to ask Him any further question. AMPC

So, what can be ascertained from the answer Jesus gave? We need to learn to be just or do justice towards God first and our neighbor second. Beloved, in Christ, if you have any question about being just or acting justly you need look no further than 2 Timothy 3:16



Yellow Sky -1948

This dramatic western is about a band of bank robbers on the run from a posse. Near death from lack of water they stumble into what appears to be a ghost town, only to discover an old prospector and his granddaughter living there. The robbers discover that the old man has been mining gold and set out to make a quick fortune by robbing the pair. In this western, the character's inner selves are gradually exposed. We get to witness their true motives and goals. It is a very entertaining process. Ann Baxter is particularly good as the tom-boy cowgirl who was raised by Apaches and Gregory Peck as the gang's leader.



The Proud Ones – 1956

In this western the majority of the townsfolk have been poisoned by the lies of a delusive saloon owner, played by Robert Middleton. The cast stars Robert Ryan, Virginia Mayo and a young Jeffrey Hunter as a youth who is befriended by an aging marshal. We found it a refreshing change of pace casting Robert Ryan as the "good guy" – the town marshal. The adjective "proud" has been forced to carry two contradictory meanings for years. Here it is used correctly in a secular sense to refer to men too honest to be bought off and too brave to be scared off, the sort of men who will fight when necessary, refusing to be intimidated.

