

## **“Love Mercy”**

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Who is Micah? What is the purpose of his writing?

As we read Micah (along with the other Old Testament prophets), we see a connection between the concepts of *righteousness* and *justice*.

How are they alike? How are they different?

In Micah 6:1-8, the Lord puts His people on trial and calls on the mountains to be the jury.

What is the Lord’s charge against His people?

The Lord reminds His people of FOUR different ways He has saved and blessed them:

1. He redeemed them from Egypt.
2. He provided excellent leaders for them.
3. He guarded them from harm.
4. He led them to the Promised Land.

In response to the Lord’s accusation, an individual rises up and asks what he must do in response to what God has done for him.

The Lord’s response shows that what He requires is not a matter of ritual, but a matter of the heart.

### **Micah 6:8**

He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

“God requires no good works from us for Himself;  
He wants everything to yield to the use and welfare of our neighbor.”

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### **Micah 7:18**

Who is a God like You, who pardons sin and forgives the transgression of the remnant of His inheritance? You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy.

### **Matthew 5:7**

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

### **Romans 12:1**

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.