

The Case of the Righteous Requirements

Scripture: Micah 6:8

⁸ 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?

From the Introduction:

The question presented to us through this morning's passage is this, "What does the Lord require of you?" The passage "gives the clearest and most complete picture of how God expects his people to conduct themselves."¹

Outline:

1. To do _____.
 - a) The Hebrew word, *mišhpāt*, carries a _____ or judicial connotation.
 - b) This is shown in our willingness to live a life of Christian _____.
- 2) To love _____.
 - a) The Hebrew word, *hesed*, means _____ or steadfast love.
 - b) This is shown in our willingness to live a life of _____ for others.
- 3) To walk _____ with God.
 - a) The Hebrew word, *sāna*, refers to a _____ in a state of humility.
 - b) This is shown in our willingness to live a life of _____ fellowship with God and others.

¹ Fire Bible Study Bible, Micah 6:8, Olive Tree Bible Software.

Remember:

“²⁷ Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.” (James 1:27, ESV)

Reflect:

“Forgiveness is negative. Righteousness is positive. Forgiveness is you may go. Righteousness is you may come.” – Tim Keller

Seek:

- 1) The prophet Micah asks us “what does the Lord require of you?” His answer...justice, kindness, and humility. Apart from these three “requirements” what others do you feel are necessary in your life as a believer?

Share:

- 1) Pastor Mark stated, “people can actually appear to do merciful things, but their actions are not true unless they really love people from their hearts.” How can “walking humbly” with the Lord help you to be merciful and love people from your heart?

Serve:

- 1) “A genuine love for the Lord must be shown by gracious actions toward others—particularly those in need.” The foundation for these gracious actions are a proper relationship with God. Share how the Lord has shown His genuine love in your life.

Pray:

- This week, pray the Lord will make His genuine love evident to others through you.