

ENCOUNTERING GOD MICAH

Micah 7:8-20

Purpose: To let our experience of God shape our lives.

Introduction:

1. God gave Micah “The word of the Lord”. (Micah 1:1)
2. The word was given during the reigns of three Kings.
3. He saw an unfolding vision from God.
#God stomps out of His temple to witness against the evils He observes. God is striding along the mountain peaks, melting mountains, splitting valleys, as the mountains melt and run like wax. God comes resolutely as witness to the sins of people upon people.

I. The sin of people (8).

- A. Idols – substitute gods (1:7).
- B. Coveting and stealing (2:2).
- C. Hating good and loving evil (3:2).
- D. Lying and cheating (6:10-12).

II. The punishment of God (9).

- A. Nations will invade Israel (5:56).
- B. God will destroy evil (Read 5:10-15).

III. The character of God (9).

- A. He is just (9).
#Judge Chris Cottle.
- B. He shows His mercy.
#Judge in Vern Igard’s trial.
 1. He has compassion for us by treading sin and by tossing sin into the sea (19).

2. He pardons sin (18).
- C. He is faithful (20) as seen in keeping His promises.
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Conclusion:

1. Micah encountered God who remains just, merciful and faithful.
2. What kind of life will meet God’s approval?
3. Micah declared God’s requirements of us – to act justly, love mercy and to walk humbly with our God (6:8).
4. Micah means “Who is like the Lord?”
5. The result of the encounter with God was to do and to declare.