

WHAT DOES THE LORD REQUIRE OF THEE? 572
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Text. Micah 6:8 He 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?

INTRODUCTION:

- A. It is always nice to know what is required of us?
 - 1. When taking a job.
 - 2. When taking on a new responsibility.
- B. What about knowing what God requires of us? (Part of counting the cost)
 - 1. God has always required certain things of his people.
 - a. Adam and Eve.
 - b. Noah
 - c. Israelites
 - 2. Some things that God has required in the past are not so today.
 - a. No command for me not to eat of a certain fruit.
 - b. No command for anyone today to build an ark.
 - c. Not told to keep the old law.
 - 3. While some things have changed there are some basic things that God has always expected of mankind.

I. TO DO JUSTLY.

- A. Justly means honest and upright. The original Hebrew and Greek words are the same as those rendered "righteousness."
- B. This must be the mindset of a Christian- Phil. 4:8. Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are **just**, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy--meditate on these things.
- C. Christians should always deal justly and fair with others- Col. 4:1 Masters, give your bondservants what is just and fair, knowing that you also have a Master in heaven.

- D. Christians must behave themselves holy, justly and with out blame- 1 Thess. 2:10
You are witnesses, and God also, how devoutly and justly and blamelessly we behaved ourselves among you who believe;

II. TO LOVE MERCY.

- A. Mercy in the Old Testament it is most translated "kindness," "loving-kindness"
- B. Mercy is a Christian attitude with a promise- Matt. 5:7 Blessed are the merciful,
For they shall obtain mercy.
- C. In view of God' mercy we should dedicate ourselves to God- Rom. 12:1 I
beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your
bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable
service.
- D. Christians are told to put on mercy- Col. 3:12 Therefore, as the elect of God, holy
and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering;
- E. It is mercy that gives us the hope of eternal life- Jude 21 keep yourselves in the
love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

III. TO WALK HUMBLY WITH GOD.

- A. Walk humbly is our way of live. In the Old Testament as well as in the New
Testament, humility is an essential characteristic of true piety, or of the man who
is right with God. The word "walk" is used figuratively of conduct and of
spiritual states.
- B. We are to walk in love- Eph. 5:2 And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and
given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling
aroma.
- C. We are to walk as Children of light- Eph. 5:8 For you were once darkness, but
now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light
- D. We are to walk as Christ walked
 - 1. 1 Jn. 2:6 He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as
He walked.
 - 2. Claiming to be "in Christ" carries the obligation of the claimant to exhibit
the true likeness of Christ in his behavior. "Obedience, not feelings," is
the true test of union;

- E. We are told to walk after His commandments- 2 Jn. 6 This is love, that we walk according to His commandments. This is the commandment, that as you have heard from the beginning, you should walk in it.
- F. Walk in the truth 3 Jn. 3-4 For I rejoiced greatly when brethren came and testified of the truth that is in you, just as you walk in the truth. I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.
- G. Walk to please God- 1 Thess. 4:1 Finally then, brethren, we urge and exhort in the Lord Jesus that you should abound more and more, just as you received from us how you ought to walk and to please God;

CONCLUSION:

WHAT DOES GOD REQUIRE OF THEE?

- A. To do Justly
- B. To Love Mercy
- C. To Walk Humble with God.