What Does God Require of You?

A FAITH THAT IS SEEN IN THE WAY WE LIVE

SCRIPTURE READING:
MICAH 6:6–8

> *"He has shown 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?"*
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A FAITH THAT GOES BEYOND WORDS

What does **God really** require of us? Is it the things we do in His name? The sacrifices we bring? The religious activities we take part in?

Through the prophet Micah, God confronts His people with this very question. In Micah 6, the people are reminded of their unfaithfulness, despite God's goodness towards them. The prophet asks: Should we bring burnt offerings? Thousands of rams? Rivers of oil? Would more and bigger sacrifices please the Lord?

The answer is not found in greater and greater offerings. God has already made known what is good and what He requires of His people. It is not that worship or sacrifice had no place, but that outward religious observance cannot replace a life of faithful obedience. God desires a people whose relationship with Him is reflected in the way they live.



ACT JUSTLY

Treat others with fairness, honesty and integrity, standing up for what is right, especially for those who are vulnerable.



LOVE MERCY

Show steadfast love, kindness and compassion in your relationships, not only when it is convenient, but as a way of life.



WALK HUMBLY WITH YOUR GOD

Live in ongoing dependence on Him, allowing His Word to guide your steps, with a heart of humility, trust and obedience.

1. ACT JUSTLY

To act justly means to treat others with fairness and integrity. It involves speaking up for those who cannot speak for themselves and standing against injustice, even when it is uncomfortable.

Proverbs 31:8–9
Open your mouth for the mute, for the rights of all who are unfortunate and defenseless; open your mouth, judge righteously and defend the rights of the poor and needy.

2. LOVE MERCY

To love mercy goes beyond occasional acts of kindness. The Hebrew word *chesed*, used in Micah 6:8, speaks of steadfast love, kindness and faithfulness — a committed love that remains, even when it is difficult. It calls us to show compassion, patience and faithfulness in the way we treat others.

3. WALK HUMBLY WITH YOUR GOD

To walk humbly with God means recognising that we are not self-sufficient. It is a life of continual dependence on Him, shaped by His Word and guided by His will. Humility is not thinking less of ourselves, but recognising God's rightful place in our lives and responding to Him with reverence, trust and obedience.

TAKE A MOMENT TO REFLECT

1. Where is God calling you to practise justice, perhaps by speaking up for someone who is vulnerable or by treating someone with greater fairness and integrity?

2. In what ways can you grow in walking humbly with God in your everyday decisions, relationships and responsibilities?

PRAYER

Heavenly Father,

Thank You for showing us through Your Word what is good and pleasing to You. Forgive me for the times when my words of faith have not been reflected in the way I live. Teach me to act justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly with You. Shape my heart through Your Word and help me to reflect the character of Jesus Christ in the way I treat others. May my life bring honour to You, not only through what I say, but also through what I do.

In Jesus' name. Amen.