

MICAH

FROM JUDGMENT RISES HOPE



Injustice, Judgment, & Hope

Micah 3:1-4:8

Main Idea

Injustice kindles the Judgment of God, but His kindness brings the remnant a Shepherd King who is the Lord.

Overview

- **What Kindles God's Judgment?**
 - Using People Instead of Serving Them Kindles God's Judgment
 - The leaders are using people for selfish gain rather than serving them
 - "Because" of their evil deeds God will not hear them when they cry out for mercy
 - Using God Instead of Serving Him Kindles God's Judgment
 - The prophets were using God to make money rather than serving God
 - "Therefore" God will not speak to them anymore
 - Using God's Grace instead of Truly Worshipping Him Kindles God's Judgment
 - The rulers thrived on cruelty and corruption. Priests ministered more for greed than for God. Prophets preached for their own riches not for the people's righteousness.
 - "Therefore" God will destroy the temple, which symbolized his presence
- **What is the Nature of God's Judgment?**
 - God's Judgment is Consistent with his Character
 - God's judgment is not some uncalculated erratic involuntary reflex
 - It's God's patient, loving, necessary reaction against sin
 - God's Judgment Brings Separation
 - Verse 4: God will turn his face away
 - Verse 7: God will shut his mouth
 - Verse 12: God will destroy the temple, the place symbolizing his presence
- **What hope is found in God's judgment?**
 - From Judgment Rises the Hope to Commune with & Know God
 - God will come to his people and teach them so that they might walk in his ways
 - From Judgment Rises the Hope of Great Shepherd-King
 - He will bring a kingdom marked by grace and peace, not greed and poverty
 - He will be a Shepherd-King who compassionately rules over his people forever

Questions

1. Why do we think our sin is "not that bad?"

2. How is our sin just as “bad” as the people here in Micah?
3. Specifically, how do we commit sins of injustice against others and against God?
4. Why would it not be loving for God to be indifferent toward our sin?
5. According to this text, what is the nature of God’s judgment?
6. What hope do we have in the midst of facing God’s judgment?
7. How does 4:3-5 point to the world we all want?
8. How does 4:6-9 point to Jesus?