

# MICAH

## FROM JUDGMENT RISES HOPE



### Looking in Hope to the Lord

Micah 7

#### Main Idea

Penalty for sin is severe, but those who look to the Lord can find the hope of vindication in a Faithful God.

#### Overview

- **Sin looks to self & finds woe (7.1-6)**

- Micah is unsatisfied in not finding anyone upright, even though it is harvest (v 1-2)
- People of Judah:
  - Wait for blood and hunt others (v 2)
  - Hands are on what is evil, they do it well (v 3)
  - Prince, Judges ask for bribes (v 3)
  - “Great” men ask for their evil desires (v 3)
  - Even the best are like briars and thorns (v 4)
  - Trust cannot be had in neighbor, friend, or one who lies in one’s arms (v 5)
  - There is no respect to authority figures (v 6)
- Punishment has already begun to come on Judah (v 4)
- In all this: People look to serve themselves, but Micah speaking for the Lord sees only “Woe” (v 1)

- **True Hope looks to the Lord & finds light**

- As others hope in their own manipulation: Micah looks to the Lord (v 7)
  - He will wait for the “God of [his] salvation...and He will hear [him].
- Enemies should not rejoice; though he is in darkness light is coming
  - Though he has sinned, his hope is in the Lord who will plead his cause and bring vindication for him and his sin (v 8-9)
- In that day: Lord will advance His borders (v 11-12)
  - Referring to nations (Is. 11.10-11: Romans 15.12)
- Micah prays the Lord would Shepherd the flock of His inheritance where they will graze in fine pastures like the Lord did before in bringing His ppl out of Egypt (v 14-15)
- There is no God like this God, who pardons sin and casts it into the sea because of His steadfast love (v. 18-19)
- He has compassion on us (vs 19)
- He is faithful to His promises (v 20)

## Questions

*Discussion starter: Discuss some ways the book of Micah has challenged you.*

1. Looking over Micah:
  - a. Read 1:1-7; 3:1-7; 6:9-16: What does Micah deem to be the reason for Judgment?
  - b. Why must God deal so harshly in judgment w/ His people? Why can't God just overlook sin?
  - c. Read 2:1-5. We don't often "Woe" our sin like Micah does, why not?
2. Read 7:1-6. Describe the environment of Jerusalem. What is the motive behind these people's actions?
3. What is it about sin that wants us to act in our own desires instead of that towards others?
4. Discuss the confidence of Micah in vss. 8-9 and square that with the confidence you do/don't have in the same manner of the day to day. Where is Micah's hope though the situation is dark?
5. How have we seen the Gospel in this passage and all of Micah?
6. Why does the text make such a big deal of sin (vss 8-9, 18-19)? Is it the biggest problem w/ our world?
7. What is the motive of the Lord in his stopping his anger? (v 18)
8. How do we see the faithfulness of God in the promises found in this book as a whole?

*Accountability Question: When things don't go your way...where do you typically place your hope? How does your view of God potentially change because of your circumstances?*