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Introduction

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Matthew 22:37-40

And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."

The finest summary of the content of practical religion to be found in the OT.

-Von Rod

Micah 6:8

He has told 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?

- **It was a strong economic time and the money was plentiful but the wealthy were oppressing the poor.**
- **Idolatry—yes, they had the Temple but they still bowed before other gods—the god of money being one.**
- **Breakdown and failure of government and religious leadership**
- **Corrupt business practices**
- **They believed that going through the motion of Temple sacrifice satisfied God.**



Micah 6:1-8

The Indictment of the LORD

Hear what the LORD says:

*Arise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.*

*Hear, you mountains, the indictment of the LORD,
and you enduring foundations of the earth,
for the LORD has an indictment against his people,
and he will contend with Israel.*

“O my people, what have I done to you?

How have I wearied you? Answer me!

*For I brought you up from the land of Egypt
and redeemed you from the house of slavery,
and I sent before you Moses,
Aaron, and Miriam.*

*O my people, remember what Balak king of Moab devised,
and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him,
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the righteous acts of the LORD.”*

What Does the LORD Require?

*“With what shall I come before the LORD,
and bow myself before God on high?*

*Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?*

*Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?*

Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,



the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"

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Do Justice

Love Kindness

Zechariah 7:9-10

And the word of the LORD came to Zechariah, saying, "Thus says the LORD of hosts, Render true judgments, show kindness and mercy to one another, do not oppress the widow, the fatherless, the sojourner, or the poor, and let none of you devise evil against another in your heart."

Walk humbly with God

