

## God's Requirements

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(Ed. Note — Dr. Ausley, also moderator of Kings Mountain Presbytery, delivered this sermon at Tuesday's meeting of Kings Mountain Presbytery at Armstrong Memorial Presbyterian Church in Gastonite).

TEXT: Micah 6:1-8 "What doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, an do walk humbly with thy God."

Micah was a contemporary of Isaiah, and was a fearless spokesman for God to declare divine judgment upon wickedness, to foretell the universal blessedness of the messianic reign, and to state the essential qualification of true religion. From this prophecy we learn something of the clear-cut ethical teaching of the Hebrew prophets, which was affirmed and interpreted forcefully in the teaching of Jesus. In our scripture lesson we have the sublime description of a coming era of peace, and then the classic definition of religion in terms of justice, mercy, and reverence to ward the Lord. There are many ideas of religion, for some religions are many forms, rituals, and ceremonies, or rules and creeds. According to God it is none of these things. The one important thing is to learn God's idea of religion, to accept it, and to follow it.

The prophet looks forward to the coming of the Messiah, to the transforming power of the gospel in the world, and finally to the consummation of the kingdom of Christ. There is going to be happy and genuine worship. "The house of the Lord shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it." In the Messianic reign there will be peace, the Messiah will "judge among many people, and rebuke the strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more." (Micah 4:3) The people will turn their instruments of war into tools of agriculture and industry. In humble submission

men will acknowledge the lordship of the Messiah, and learn from Him the ways of peace. That goal can never be achieved apart from a knowledge of Jesus Christ, the experience of Salvation, and the practice of the principles of His Kingdom.

A modern version expects you to be just and kind and to live in quiet fellowship with Him. "This is a verse of scripture which millions of Jews and Christians have known and repeated with great aspirations. It has served as a pivot for all great religions and I know of no other verse of scripture that expresses the core of religion so adequately as this one does. The expectations of God seem to dig into our inner nature and acts as a safe-guard for making our decisions. Whether we realize it or not, this distinctive and inherent part of mankind helps us to think clearly on social issues and to act for the common good of all concerned. However, we do not always obey the decisions that comes from within, but when we do, we not only help ourselves, our fellowmen, but also fulfill our duty to God.

**JUSTICE**  
Justice is a word all of us use freely, but we seldom stop to define it. The conception of justice has been distorted by many good people. For instance, a man is brought into court and found guilty and has to pay the penalty, he is ready to condemn all courts because he feels that he has been wronged. Any honest person will have to concede to the fact that most of the courts are doing their best to protect and defend the citizens of the country. Now and then these people make mistakes but this happens to all of us, and what happens occasionally should not be accepted as the policy of a court. So we need to get a better picture of what justice is.

Justice to the ordinary man is to be found in everyday living. That is, we recognize the rights of others and that all are working for the ideal of justice in a community. Education plays its greatest role here; it not only trains leadership for the good of society, but also it continues to explore the best way of life for the individual and society. The story of the Last Judgment, so vividly told in the Gospels, places men in two groups. One destined for heaven, and the other eternal punishment. The charge brought against the latter group was that they had seen the Lord in prison and had not visited Him; hungry and gave Him no food; naked and gave Him nothing to wear. Immediately they wanted to know just when they had seen the Lord in such a condition. You will notice they did not say there were no people who needed help, but when was the Lord in such a condition? This was a confession that they had ignored their fellowman and failed to discharge their responsibility to society. These men were respectable and loved justice, but blind to the practice of it. Many of us ignore those about us, yet contend that we are following Christ. We should take a closer look at Christ's requirements for being a Christian.

**II. KINDNESS**  
Kindness is the second requirement of the Lord. A man must have that extra something which impels him to go beyond the half-way mark. Kindness is beyond the realm of compulsion and when manifested, has that great personal touch for which the world is so hungry. Kindness asks no reward for it springs from a warm heart touched by God.

Kindness involves moral choice. It reflects our true nature. The decisions we make indicate the motive we have in our dealings. Our action toward millions facing starvation will reveal our Christian integrity. Of course, it will require effort to have kindness, but this is true with everything. The individual will think of himself first, but if he will think about the words of the Lord Jesus Christ, "It is better to give than to receive," he will change his purpose of selfishness and be kind, considerate, and willing to share with others.

**III. WALK HUMBLY WITH GOD**  
This fellowship is made possible

through Christ. This fellowship is a vivid experience, yet so few enjoy the benefits, because they are too busy to take the time required. The poverty stricken spiritual world needs this strength which is imputed to man in the quiet hours with God. Most Christians are embarrassed when they come into the presence of God for they discover their spiritual nakedness. But after we are there a while, we hear that still small voice of God speaking to us and our hearts yearn to grasp more of Him.

Man's resource is in God, and through humble obedience to God's commands, man taps that resource. There are men and women who have faced hardships and met it with great courage. These people know what grief is. They have carried their burden without murmuring or complaining. Outsiders wonder what sustained them. These people retained a good disposition and carried a smile that amazed the people of the community. Not only that, they also ministered unto those about them. It takes

### Poultry Industry Begins Campaign

North Carolina's \$200 million poultry industry has begun a campaign on a statewide basis and create an active and fully-staffed poultry council.

E. S. Kendricks, Wilkesboro, and Dennis Ramsey, Rose Hill, are heading the membership campaign. March 1, has been set for completion of the drive.

"The North Carolina Poultry Council, Inc., has functioned without financial support since 1950," explains Dr. W. C. Mills, specialist in charge of extension poultry work at North Carolina State University at Raleigh.

"However, opportunities for service have far outgrown the structure of the existing council as our industry has grown."

Thus, council membership has been extended to all full-time poultry industry employees. With greater membership and financial strength, the council will have a central headquarters with an executive secretary who will represent the poultry industry on matters of mutual concern of all segments of the industry.

"With this kind of broadly-based organization, the industry should have a stronger and more unified voice in matters of public policy affecting the industry," said Mills.

### Veterans Officer Plans Feb. Visit

The N. C. Veterans Commission will have Jack C. Winchester, District Officer in the Sheriff's Building, with the County Service Officer at Shelby, N. C. on Monday February 7 and again on Monday, February 21 from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. He will also be in the Town Hall, Kings Mountain, N. C. on Thursday February 17, from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. to assist with veterans

and their dependents. Mr. Winchester stated, children of veterans who believe to qualify for educational benefits and/or N. C. College Scholarships should apply for these benefits during the early part of their senior year in high school. The children who may have completed high school or will graduate next spring should file now.

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