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God'sRequirements

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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 fortell the universal blessedness of the messianic reign, and to state the essential qualities of to state the essential qualities of true religion. From his prophecy we learn something of the clear-cut ethical teaching of the He-brew prophets, which was af-firmed and interpreted forceful-ly 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 According to God it is none of these things. The one important

The prophet looks forward to the coming of the Messiah, to the transforming power of the gospel in the world, and, finally to the *II KINDNESS* corsumation of the kingdom of Christ. There is going to be hap-py and genuine worship. "The use of the Lord shall be eshouse of the Lord shall be es-tablished in the top of the moun-tains, and it shall be exalted a-bove 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 plow.

beat their swords into plow-shares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any

(Micah 4:3, The people will turn their instrument of war into tools of agriculture and induspractice of the principles of His Kingdom.

A modern version of this text gives a clearer meaning: "The Lord expects you to be just and kind and to live in quiet fellow-ship with Him." This is a verse

TEXT: V 8-"What doth the community. Education plays its ord require of thee, but to do greatest role here; it not only Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to 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 Gos-pels, places men in two groups. One destined for heaven, and the other eternal punishment. The charge brought against the latter group was they had seen the Lord in prison and had not visit-ed 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 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 relig-ion is many forms, rituals, and ceremonies, or rules and creeds. condition. You will notice they sibility to society. These men were respectable and loved justhing is to learn God's idea of tice, but blind to the practice of religion, to accept it, and to fol- it. Many of us ignore those about

us, yet contend that we are fol-lowing Christ. We should take a closer look at God's requirements for being a Christian.

Kindness is the second requirement of the Lord. A man must have that extra something which impells him to go beyond the half-way mark. Jesus spoke of this extra something as the sec-ond mile. Kindness is beyond the realm of compulsion and when manifested, has that great per-sonal 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 indicates the motive wehave in our dealings.

Our action toward millions facing starvation will reveal our Christian integrity. Of course, it tools of agriculture and indus-try. In humble submission men will acknowledge the fordship 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 will require effort to have kindto 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 possi-ble through Christ. This fellowof scripture which millions of Jews and Christians have known and repeated with great aspera-tions. It has served as a pivot stricken spiritual world needs for all great religions and I this strength which is imputed know of no other verse of scrip- to man in the quiet hours with ture that expresses the core of God. Most Christians are embaadequately as this rassed when they co

one does.

The expectations of God seem to dig into our inner nature and inherent part of mankind, helps us to think clearly on social is-sues and to act for the common good of all concerned. However, we do not always obey the decision that comes from within, but when we do, we not only help ourselves, our fellowmen, but also fulfill our duty to God. I JUSTICE

Justice is a word all of us use freely, but we seldom stop to define it. The conception of jus-tice has been distorted by many good people. For instance, a man is brought into court and found is brought into court and found guilty and has to pay the penal-ty, he is ready to condemn all courts because he feels that he has been wronged. Any honest person will have to conceed to the fact that most of the courts are doing their best to protect and defend the citizens of the country. Now and then there

presence of God for they discover their spiritual nakedness, But after we are there a while, we acts as a safe-guard for making our decisions. Whether we real-ize it or not, this distinctive and 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. The yhave carried their bur-den without mummuring or com-plaining. Outsiders wonder what sustained them. These people re-tained a good disposition and smile that among the more of the second smile that amazed the people of the community. Not only that, they also ministered unto those about them. It takes the grace of God to do this. But if you recall,

Christ promised to be with his people even unto the end of the world. What does the Lord require of us?

1. God requires us to be just and the criterion for this is -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 right of others and that all are work-ing for the ideal of justice in a



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