



Micah 6:1-8 New Revised Standard Version

- ¹ Hear what the LORD says:
Rise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.
- ² Hear, you mountains, the case of the LORD,
and you enduring foundations of the earth,
for the LORD has a case against his people,
and he will contend with Israel.
- ³ "O my people, what have I done to you?
In what have I wearied you? Answer me!
- ⁴ 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.
- ⁵ O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the saving acts of the LORD."
- ⁶ "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?
- ⁷ 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?"
- ⁸ He has told you, O mortal, 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?



"Well done is better than well said." –Benjamin Franklin

"Oh, it's a piece of cake!" she responded to a fellow student who inquired about the expectations of a particular course. "Just listen in class, take the quizzes, and bring the instructor an occasional diet soda and you will be set." Sometimes, I wish serving the Lord was as simple as offering up a diet soda from time to time. Apparently, God's people in the eighth century B.C. presumed a sacrifice here and there was enough to satisfy God as well. In this week's Old Testament Lesson, the Prophet Micah depicts God's people as being on trial for their unfaithfulness in spite of God's faithfulness. The prophet challenges the mindset of lip service and ritual being sufficient to honor God. These words challenged Israel's way of living then and challenge present-day readers to realize the life which pleases God is one of Godlike actions being manifested in everyday life.

- 1. God's summons to hear is also a call to action.**
- 2. Ritual for ritual sake is no substitute for action.**
- 3. One's relationship with God will become evident through continual actions.**

Prayer Pebble: Lord, your expectations for me are to do, love, and walk a certain way. While that sounds simple enough, I cannot do it on my own. Empower me for such Godly living. Amen.