## Micah

## Chapter 6

8- He has told you oh man what is good and what Yahoah requires from you but to do justly and to love tender mercy and to walk humbly with your God<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>1</sup> Justice, mercy and humility must be at the heart of everything that we do. We must recognize that the grace that purchased us did so because of the great love in the heart of God who showed us mercy when everything about our lives was repulsive. For God commended His love to us when we were yet dead in our trespasses and sins and mercy rejoiced over judgment [Romans 5:8; Colossians 1:21; James 2:13]. When we were enemies by wicked works God did not despise us but laid down His life that we might be healed [Colossians 1:21; 1 John 3:16; 4:11; Ephesians 5:2]. What God demands and what He will have more than sacrifices is mercy [Matthew 9:13; 12:7; 18:13; Luke 6:35-36]. Without Gods love and mercy there would be none saved and we must realize that God demands that His mercy be revealed through us. We must recognize that if we are going to stand as His representatives then we must participate in His love and mercy. Showing mercy and being forgiving must be our way of life [Colossians 3:12; Matthew 18:21-22]. Compassion for others, tender mercies and lovingkindness are the fruits of the Spirit that will shine as a light in a world torn by the devilish torments of pride and hate.

God is rich in mercy because of His great love [Ephesians 2:4]. This same love has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Ghost and is the evidence that we have been born of God [Romans 5:6; 1 John 3:14; John 13:35]. We must love others faithfully even as Jesus showed His love for us. The enemy of such a love is self-interest and self-exaltation. As soon as we are offended we want to take up our own self-interest and care. But instead we must yield to the Spirit of grace and allow God to cloth us with humility [1 Peter 5:5]. It is important to understand that we are only going to walk in the ways of God and do these things from the heart if we are willing to walk in the Spirit. When we walk in the instruction of the word and walk in the Spirit then we will walk in justice, mercy and humility. Many religious people attempt to replace ceremony with obedience. They will tithe and show perfect observance to ritual but the weightier matters they pass over [Luke 11:42; Matthew 23:23]. For all who will believe rivers of justice love of mercy and humility will pour from your life by the Holy Ghost!