



Micah 6: 6-8

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What God Wants

6 With what shall I come before the LORD
and bow down before the exalted God?
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 thousand rivers of oil?
Shall I offer my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?

8 He has showed you, O man, what is good.
And what does the LORD require of you?
To act justly and to love mercy
and to walk humbly with your God. Micah 6: 6-8

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If I were to ask each of you assembled here this morning if you have dreams, made plans or set goals for your life, I'm sure that all of you would answer in the affirmative. And of course if I ask that question the next logical question to follow would be: Have your dreams come true, have you realized those plans or met that goal? Whether you realize it or not every waking moment of our existence is filled with activities designed to get us closer to the things in life that we hold to be important. We are in a never ending pursuit of the things that we want.

Well this morning I have another question for you. In the midst of your pursuit of the things that you want, have you considered **WHAT GOD WANTS?** Has it

ever occurred to you that maybe just maybe the things that you want may be in conflict with **WHAT GOD WANTS?** Now listen, I'm not saying that there is anything wrong with wanting that dream house, that fine care, those nice cloths, or better job, but what I am saying is whenever we put what we want before **WHAT GOD WANTS** we are automatically in conflict with what He wants. In Matthew 6:33 "*But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added to you.*" Those of us who have yet to realize all of our hopes and dreams, those of us still in pursuit of lofty goals and ambitions, those of us who's plans are yet unfulfilled, The word of the Lord for us today is **Give God what He wants!** If the American dream has been elusive, **Give God What He wants!**

If every things you have tried has failed and you fill frustrated and tired, **Give God What He Wants!** If you fill empty and unfulfilled, **Give God What He Wants!**

Well, what does God want? I am gland you asked and for the answer let us turn to our scripture for today:

The writer of our text today is the Prophet Micah a contemporary of the Prophet Isaiah,(two years his senior) who prophesied during the reign of Kings' Jotham, Hoshea, Ahaz, and Hezekiah. Micah poses the same question in the 6th verse:

6 With what shall I come before the LORD
and bow down before the exalted God?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?

In other words, Is there a sacrifice that I can make that would be impressive enough to please Him?

7 Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of oil?
Shall I offer my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?

What Micah is saying is while sacrifice may be nice, when it comes to reconciliation for sin, we don't have enough.

Well then what will please Him? What can we give God that would be acceptable and pleasing to Him?

8 He has showed you, O man, what is good.
And what does the LORD require of you?
To act justly and to love mercy
and to walk humbly with your God.

1 To act justly: Doing what is right, to do justice, never require more than you are willing to give. It is the Golden Rule taken to the next level.

II To love mercy: Love goodness, Love tenderly, delight in loving kindness, to love loyalty.

III To walk humbly with your God: without pride, submissively, wisely, and to live in quiet fellowship with Him. These things do for this is **WHAT GOD WANTS!**