**Who Is Like Yahweh?**

Whole Bible Series

Sermon 29: Micah

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**SERMON NOTES**

**Intro: Micah Is One of the Faithful Prophets**

1. Many other prophets lied for profit (3:5, 11)

Key Idea: The Faithful Remnant

1. Micah was empowered by God to prophesy reality(3:8; see Jer. 26:17-19)

**Reality 1: God’s Character Demands Justice for Evil** (6:10-11)

1. God will judge Israel’s wickedness

* Idol worship (1:7; 5:13; 6:16) and sorcery (5:12)
* Mistreating the poor (2:2,4) and foreigner (2:8)
* Hating good and loving evil (3:1-2)
* Rejecting God’s loving care (6:1-4)

1. This will be accomplished by God (1:3-4) through Assyria (5:5) and Babylon (4:10)

* *The prophets clearly portray God’s just character*
* *These sins are still offensive to God*

**Reality 2: God’s Character Inspires Restoration** (7:18-20)

1. The faithful remnant will be gathered (4:10; 5:7-9; 7:12)

Marks of the Remnant:

1. They do justice

2. They love mercy

3. They walk humbly with God (6:8)

1. Their sins will be purged (5:10-15)
2. God will shepherd them (2:12-13)
3. Jesus (5:2) will rule the nations (4:1-5; 5:15) from the New Jerusalem (4:1-7; 5:1-6; 7:1-17)

* *Who is like Yahweh, judging evil but forgiving sin!*
* *As God’s people, we humbly seek to reflect His character by valuing both justice and mercy*
* *Restoration is part of God’s character; we should also love it.*
* *We the remnant still face adversity, but our future victory is certain!*

**Questions for Small Groups or Individual Study**

**Bible study:** Read Micah’s description of Jesus’ reign in Micah 4.

1. 1. What phrases describe the Jesus’ kingdom on earth?
2. 2. What place do the remnant have in this picture?
3. Read 3:1-2 and discuss the idea of hating good and loving evil. Based on Micah’s prophecy, what did this look like in Israel? What might it look like in America? How might it manifest in your life?
4. Read 7:18-20 and discuss the idea that God’s character changed between the Old and New Testaments. Does this passage sound like the picture some people paint of the “Old Testament God”?
5. Notice how Micah intertwines justice with mercy and restoration throughout the book. What might this structure teach us about His portrayal of God’s character?
6. What does it mean for a believer to do justice? How does that inform how we live our lives personally? How does it inform how we see events in our nation and world?
7. Based on the book of Micah, can you see why Israel expected a different king of kingdom than the one Jesus brought? Is it possible that we are too hard on them for their misunderstanding?

**Prayer from Micah**

“God, thank you that you are a God of justice and mercy. You showed me mercy when I *(fill in the blank).* Please teach me to see my world through the lens of your justice *and* mercy. *(Take 2 minutes to meditate on what that looks like for you.)*