

# Micah 6:1-16

## Relationship and Rebellion

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Hear what the LORD says:

Arise, plead your case before the mountains,  
and let the hills hear your voice.

Hear, you mountains, the indictment of the LORD,  
and you enduring foundations of the earth,  
for the LORD has an indictment against his people,  
and he will contend with Israel.

“O my people, what have I done to you?

How have I wearied you? Answer me!

For I brought you up from the land of Egypt  
and redeemed you from the house of slavery,

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and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.  
O my people, remember what Balak king of Moab  
devised,  
and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him,  
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,  
that you may know the righteous acts of the LORD.”

“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?  
Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,

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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?”  
He has told you, O man, 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?

The voice of the LORD cries to the city—  
and it is sound wisdom to fear your name:  
“Hear of the rod and of him who appointed it!

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Can I forget any longer the treasures of wickedness  
in the house of the wicked,  
and the scant measure that is accursed?  
Shall I acquit the man with wicked scales  
and with a bag of deceitful weights?  
Your rich men are full of violence;  
your inhabitants speak lies,  
and their tongue is deceitful in their mouth.  
Therefore I strike you with a grievous blow,  
making you desolate because of your sins.  
You shall eat, but not be satisfied,  
and there shall be hunger within you;

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you shall put away, but not preserve,  
and what you preserve I will give to the sword.  
You shall sow, but not reap;  
you shall tread olives, but not anoint yourselves  
with oil;  
you shall tread grapes, but not drink wine.  
For you have kept the statutes of Omri,  
and all the works of the house of Ahab;  
and you have walked in their counsels,  
that I may make you a desolation, and your inhabitants a  
hissing; so you shall bear the scorn of my people.”

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The LORD passed before him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in *steadfast love* and faithfulness, keeping *steadfast love* for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin..."

Exodus 34:6-7

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"But if you will not listen to me and will not do all these commandments, if you spurn my statutes, and if your soul abhors my rules, so that you will not do all my commandments, but break my covenant, then I will do this to you: I will visit you with panic, with wasting disease and fever that consume the eyes and make the heart ache. And you shall sow your seed in vain, for your enemies shall eat it. I will set my face against you, and you shall be struck down before your enemies. Those who hate you shall rule over you, and you shall flee when none pursues you. And if in spite of this you will not listen to me, then I will discipline you again sevenfold for your sins... And your strength shall be spent in vain, for your land shall not yield its increase, and the trees of the land shall not yield their fruit.

Leviticus 26:14-20

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### Application

1. Do you offer your whole heart to God?
2. Do you receive God's discipline with humility or with weariness?
3. Do you regularly remind yourself what God has done for you?

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