

The Trial of the People - Micah 6:1-7:20

Topics: Accountability, Accusation, Anger, Compassion, Confidence, Discouragement, Enemies, Family, Goodness, Guilt, History, Hope, Humility, Idolatry, Judging Others, Judgment, Justice, Mercy, People, Praise, Prayer, Promises, Prophecy, Punishment, Salvation, Sin

Open It

- * 1. If you had to take part in a public debate, what position would you like to defend?
- 2. When have you worked hard on a project and, in spite of all your efforts, not seen satisfying results?
- 3. When faced with difficult circumstances, on whom can you most depend for help?

Explore It

- * 4. What was God's indictment against Israel? (6:1-5)
- 5. How did Israel propose to make up for its sins? (6:6-8)
- * 6. What did God desire from His people? (6:8)
- 7. What were some of the sins in which Israel was involved? (6:9-12)
- 8. Since Israel did not meet God's requirements, what was God compelled to do? (6:9-16)
- 9. What was the nature of God's punishment? (6:13-16)
- 10. What was Micah's lament? (7:1-6)
- 11. Where did Micah's hope and confidence lie? (7:7-13)
- 12. What was Micah's prayer? (7:14)
- 13. What did the Lord promise to show to His people? (7:15-17)
- * 14. In conclusion, what did Micah affirm about God? (7:18-20)

Get It

- 15. How do the sins of the church today compare with the injustice of God's people during the time of Micah?
- * 16. What does it mean to act justly? love mercy? walk humbly with God?
- 17. In what way does God want us to be a force for good against evil in the world?
- * 18. If all Christians were spiritual people who always obeyed God faithfully and acted justly, how might our society be different?
- 19. What is the difference between punishment for sin and the consequences of sin?
- 20. When have you, like Micah, felt depressed by all the troubles around you?
- 21. If God delights to show mercy, why does He also judge, punish, and avenge sin?
- 22. In what way are you dissatisfied with your Christian testimony?
- 23. What gives you hope in the Lord?
- 24. How does your confidence in the Lord compare with Micah's affirmations about God?

Apply It

- * 25. What steps can you take to act justly, show mercy, or be humble toward your coworkers? your family? your neighbors?
- 26. What statement of praise or confidence in God do you want to make to your fellow believers?