

Indictment, Injustice - Micah 2:1-13
Notes, Family Worship, Bible Reading

Notes from the Sermon

Growing up in Oklahoma I didn't have a ton of sports heroes other than baseball players, and one of our biggest was Hall of Famer Nolan Ryan, the Texas Rangers amazing pitcher. 5714 strike outs, 7 no hitter games, amazing! However, for Byng, Oklahoma, another player held the highest regard when I was a kid, Ron Williamson. This minor league player in the Yankee system should have had an amazing career, but after an injury, he had to retire early, and his life fell apart. Eventually, he was false accused of murder and placed on death row through a series of injustices that are quite literally mindblowingly bad. He was later acquitted and set free because of DNA, but not before coming within week of his execution date.

I use this story as an example to show that injustice is common and found everywhere, and, in our text in Micah 2, especially heinous when found among the people of God. We certainly can sympathize with someone like Ron who is victimized by the justice system, but what about when the people of God are running the system? For God's people, God's promise was, "change, follow Me, or be driven from your land." Ultimately, that is what God did, and God's people had to learn the hard way that our God is a God of Justice.

Let this recounting of the prophecy of Micah remind us that, Justice belongs with God because He is Just, and therefore, His people must care about justice, both in doing justice and fighting injustice. They must be ready to hear truth and reject what makes us "happy", accepting what is truth and not just what we want to hear. We must be ready to do what is right because God is our God, and His way is righteous.

Finally, we must remember that we wait for the day when all injustice will end, because our true King and Shepherd will be on the throne. Jesus, one day, will judge the living and the dead, condemning injustice and sin forever. Then, for those who He has saved and made just, he will make a perfect heaven and earth where those things will no longer exist. Anticipate that day, and rest in our Shepherd, who will do what is good.

Bible Reading for the Week

Daily Bible Readings

Sun	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri	Sat
Ezekiel 27	Ezekiel 28	Ezekiel 29	Ezekiel 30	Ezekiel 31	Ezekiel 32	Ezekiel 33

Reading from this past week: Micah 2:1-13

Reading in preparation for this coming Sunday: Micah 3:1-12

Family Worship

Song - *Jesus Does*

https://youtu.be/qiT8vUM1dpl?si=C083okclYCDHal_v

Gospel Project

Unit: The Arrest of Jesus

Story: Jesus was anointed.

Big Picture Question: How is Jesus our perfect Priest?

Answer: Jesus was the perfect sacrifice for sin, and He speaks to God the Father for us today.

Scripture: Mark 14

New City Catechism

Question #41: What is the Lord's Prayer?

Answer: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Verse: Matthew 6:9

Scripture

Micah 2:1-13

- What are the examples of injustice that show up in this passage? What are some of the ways powerful people oppress and abuse weaker people in our culture?
- When you think of poverty, who do you tend to blame the poor or the wealthy? Why?
- Why would the injustice done by God's people matter to God?
- What are some ways our family/church can actually care for the oppressed in our culture?

Prayer

*Pray that we would be a people who care about justice.

*Spend time reading, learning, and teaching your kids the Nicene Creed. Use the second stanza as a prayer declaring belief in the deity and Kingship of Jesus.