## "The Gospel According to Micah" Series Message #3 of 7

# "The Justice of God" Micah 3 & Psalm 96 July 23, 2017

"Justice" – to give everyone their due.

## 1. <u>JUSTICE & GOD'S NATURE (GLORY)</u> – (Psalm 96)

"Declare God's glory among the nations." - Ps. 96:3, 6, 7, 8

#### 2. JUSTICE & JUDGMENT – (Micah 6)

"Should you not know justice?" – v.1b

"You despise justice and distort all that is right." – v.9b

"Your leaders judge for a bribe, her priests teach for a price, and her prophets tell fortunes for money." – v.11a

- A. The Civil Leaders v.1-4
- B. The Prophets & Teachers v.5-7
- C. Everyone v.9-12
- Call to Attention
- The Accusation
- The Judgment

#### 3. JUSTICE & MERCY – (Micah 6)

"Then they will cry out to the Lord, but he will not answer them. At that time he will hide his face from them because of the evil they have done." – v.4

"They will cover their faces because there is no answer from God." – v.7b

"Therefore because of you, Zion will be plowed like a field, Jerusalem will become a heap of rubble, the temple hill a mound overgrown with thickets." -v.12

### 4. <u>JUSTICE & REJOICING</u> – (Psalm 96)

"Let the heavens rejoice ... for (the Lord) comes, he comes to judge the earth. <u>He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples in his truth</u>."

- Equity
- Righteousness
- Truth

## 5. JUSTICE & GOD'S PEOPLE – (Micah 6:8)

"But as for me, <u>I am filled with power</u>, with the Spirit of the <u>Lord</u>, and justice and might, to declare to Jacob his transgression, to Israel his sin."

#### A NOTE OF HOPE FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD

"Did not Hezekiah (king of Judah) fear the Lord and seek his favor? And did not the Lord relent, so that he did not bring the disaster he pronounced against them?" – Jeremiah 26:19b