

Micah 6:8
"Bible Understanding
of Justice"

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1. Introduction
 - a. What is justice?
 - equal treatment under the law
 - equal protection under the law
 - b. Laws?
 - God's Law - found in Bible
 - Man's law - w
 - * written laws written by nation
 - * unwritten laws in society
 - c. Fixed or changing?
 - God's laws are fixed & unchanging
 - Man's laws: - can be changed
 - * can be different between different cultures & nations
 - d. What is equity?
 - equal protection, equal treatment
 - even children understand "fairness"
 - there was no equity by pharisees for woman taken in adultery (Jn 8:3-11) (Mt 9:13)
 - Jesus desired mercy over sacrifice
2. God's View of Human Behavior
 - a. Micah 6:8 Individual behavior
 - b. * what is good? (required by God)
 - do justice (fairness)
 - love mercy
 - walk humbly with your God
3. Biblical Justice
 - a. God called Noah "a just man"
 - evil corrupts justice (Gen 6:5-6)
 - but Noah was a just man in contrast (Gen 6:8-9)
 - b. Justice first begins at individual level

3 c. Continual problem of good & evil

- Bible defines evil as beginning with Satan (Ezek 28:15-17, John 8:44)
- Satan is ruler in Kingdom of darkness (Mt 25:41, Jn 3:8)
- Humans also battle their own evil within (called sin)
 - * James 1:14-16
 - * every person tempted & sin from within themselves
 - * Mt 12:35, Mk 7:20-23 the heart

4. Bible justice has 2 Forms of Justice

- ~~3d~~ a. God created national government to rule & punish evil doers
 - government bears the sword to punish wrong doers (Rom 13:4)
- b. Commutative justice: social justice in society
 - unwritten laws of society
 - in God's law: love your neighbor as yourself (Lev 19:17-18, Mt 22:36-40, Rom 13:8-10)
- c. Distributive justice
 - national law exercised by government
 - * government administers legal punishment (Rom 13:1-4)
 - Murder is capital & society offense
 - * Gen 4:9-10, Gen 9:5-6, Exod 21:12
 - no man or woman is above the law
 - * certainly not in God's eyes (1 Tim 5:21, Jms 3:17)

5. Cultural Counterfeits to Bible

Justice

a. Based on human philosophies

- can be political philosophies
- can be based on religions

b. Legal action(s) based on looking for a crime based on examining one person (Jesus death, false evidence)

- legal (& moral) justice based on actions in crime to catch a perpetrator
 - * mouth of 2+ witnesses (Deut 19:15, 2 Cor 13:1)