

Are You Doing what God Requires of You?

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Micah 6v8 He has shown you, O man, what is good, and what the Lord does require of you, but to do what is just, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God.

This passage shows so clearly exactly what The Almighty God wants us to do!

All we should do is look around us and see what is happening around The World today. The trouble out weighs by far the small amount of good that there is around us.

Is every one in the world truly following this Biblical requirement?

We know that this system of things is going to come to a head sometime in the future - in fact a misguided cult called the 'White Brotherhood' centred in Kiev, thinks that the world is going to end today at the time of writing, however the fact that you are reading it afterwards (and that this text has been written with confidence that it will not occur) shows how wrong they are.

People turn to human philosophies – being the guidance of man from The World for The World!

This suits Satan!

However get to know and understand The Bible, then you get to know and understand what God Desires of you!

When you have got to know and understand what God Desires of you and then do what God requires of you - then you will become a Son of God of that New Kingdom of God being The Millennium period upon The Earth.

However we must not become complacent!

James 2v19-20 You believe that there is one God, you do well; the demons also believe, and tremble. But do you know, you vain people, that faith without works is dead?

How do you feel about this?

What separates YOU from demons?

Do you fear God – like those demons – who quiver and quake?

Titus 1v16 They (*worldly Christians*) profess that they know God; but in works they deny him; being abominable, and disobedient, and unfit for any good work.

Why has he said this?

Titus 1v5 For this cause I left you in Crete, that you should set in order the things that are defective, and ordain elders in every city, as I had appointed you.

Clearly there are things that are still defective in those Christian congregations. If so then, clearly the same through all generations including those now, hence God thought it fit to put it into The Cannon! Hence we need to be reminded.

Matt. 7v21-23 Not every one who says unto me; Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of the heavens; but he that does the Will of my Father which is in the heavens. Many, will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in your name? And in your name have cast out demons? And in your name done many wonderful works? And then I will profess to them, I never knew you - depart from me, you that work iniquity.

So we are told very clearly there are people who are doing many wonderful things in the “name” (but not the “character” or “authority”) of Jesus who will be rejected by Jesus!

So we must ask ourselves:-

Are we doing what Yahweh God Desires of us?

Or are we doing what is suggested in Titus 1v16?

If there are problems within the Christian community, local and wide, then we must turn to what The Bible says, and do it! Because everything we need to know is contained within the Cannon – carefully explained.

2Tim. 3v16-17 All scripture is given by the inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished to do good works.

Here we see that it is not good enough to just go home and read The Bible.

True that is a start, we now know what to do, but then we must go out and do good works.

However we may need to have some parts explained to us.

Acts 8v31,35 And the Ethiopian said: How can I understand, unless some man should guide me? And he desired Philip that he would come up and sit with him. Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached (*taught*) to him about Jesus.

Here the Ethiopian was humble enough to say: I do not understand. He knew all about the Jewish law and system, he must have gone to the synagogue but just did not understand about this 'Man' Jesus. He wanted to be taught and God knew that, so God sent Philip to preach and teach him.

Romans 15v4 For whatever things written in former days, were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have expectation.

Hence it is for our instruction and learning that we should look into these things – from The Old Testament.

The Israelites prospered when they followed God's Will. But when they left The Almighty God's way and worshipped Baal instead, then things went badly for them. This process see-sawed until the Israelites were taken into slavery for seventy years in Babylon from about 607 BCE to 537 BCE.

Mark 12v33 And to him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the life/soul, and with all the strength, and to love his neighbour as himself, is worth more than all of the burnt offerings and sacrifices.

How much should our commitment be to help others?

Mark 12v42-44 And there came a certain poor widow, and she threw in two mites, which make a farthing. And he called his disciples to him and said to them: Verily I say to you, that this poor widow has cast more in than all others into the treasury: For they all cast in a part of their abundance, but she who had almost nothing, cast in all that she had, even what she had to live on.

We must be very careful not to criticise some people who, we may feel are not doing enough to show their Christian works; this may be, because they do not have enough resources (time or money) to be dedicated for this Christian work.

However the converse may be true.

There may be some people who are doing much Christian work, however God can see that they are able to do much more. However we humans viewing the outward signs may feel that they are wonderful Christians!

So are we doing God's will?

Micah 1v7 And all her graven images shall be beaten to pieces, and all her hires shall be burned with fire, and I will lay desolate all her idols; for she gathered them through the hire of being a harlot.

All these things are as detestable as a harlot (being someone who sells herself to men of the world – ultimately selling herself to Satan rather than to Yahweh – to Whom she should really be faithful towards)!

Micah 3v11-12 Its heads give judgement for bribe, its priests teach for hire, its prophets divine for money; yet they lean upon the Lord and say, Is not the Lord in the midst of us? No evil shall come upon us. Therefore because of you Zion shall be ploughed as a field; Jerusalem shall become a heap of ruins, and the mountain of the house a wooded height.

These leaders were using the temple and God's Name - they thought they were safe. Clearly they are not! Micah tells them so! But because it is in the Cannon then it is something that God is telling us to be careful of now - watch out! The Old Israelite Nation was entrusted with Yahweh's Word then – but that mantle of responsibility was passed to The Christian Nation of The Gospel Age – started at Cornelius' Baptism (at 37 CE) and The Jews were thrown out in 70 CE.

What is our motive for going to the 'temple' of God (meaning 'where you come to know/learn/understand' God)?

Is it to have a 'good time' or meet your friends?

OR

Is it to learn about, and to worship Almighty God?

To go out and accurately preach/teach God's Word?

1Cor. 10v14 Therefore, my beloved, shun the worship of idols.

Colos. 3v5 Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.

It is very important to remember that idolatry is not just the worshiping of wooden or metal figurines, but also the desire to satisfy one's lusts of the ordinary material things, like the television, films, cars, houses, etc.

Micah 2v1-2 Woe to those who devise wickedness and work evil upon their beds! When the morning dawns, they perform it, because it is in the power of their hand. They covet fields, and seize them; and houses, and take them away; they oppress a man and his house, a man and his inheritance.

Micah 6v11-12 Shall I acquit the man with wicked scales and a bag of deceitful weights? Your rich men are full of violence: your inhabitants speak lies, and their tongue is deceitful in their mouth.

How are our dealings with The World?

Are they in accordance with God's will or fulfilling Satan's desire?

If we are representing the True Christian Church then we must be very careful with our daily dealings. We must not taint the word “Christian” with deceitful dealings between our fellow man. We must stand out from The World as being different to Satan's worldly representatives = common mankind!

We must be seen as being different! This then becomes our “Mark upon our forehead” being our lifestyle so clearly seen as though it is tattooed upon our forehead. This is the only thing that should identify us as a True Christian. Not things hanging around our neck, nor clothes, nor symbols, nor anything from the world that these things clearly are.

Our attire, possessions, garden, etc. should stand out as being correctly organised and clean.

God's will must have full prominence in our lives and for others to see it.

While we may be able to fool our human associates by pretending that we are behaving according to God's will, we cannot fool God, who knows precisely what we are doing all of the time – it is all on record and as we are told our innermost secrets shall be shouted across the rooftops within The Millennium during the 2nd part of our life – called “The Restitution” or “reconciliation” between all the resurrected humans.

Micah 4v1-4 But in the last days it shall come to pass, that the mountain (= *authority*) of the house (= *family*) of the Lord shall be established in the top of the mountains (= *above all great worldly authorities*), and it shall be exulted, above the hills (= *small local authorities*); and people shall flow unto it (= *come to learn of The Lord*). And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his path: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem (= *Yahweh's Authority represented by Jerusalem and the temple inside is the 144000 True Christians now resurrected as Sons of God*). And he shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off (*thus this is the period where all shall learn righteousness and there are some who will not like it – but must be cajoled*); and they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning hooks: Nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more (*this is The Millennium – certainly not now!*). But they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree (*not slaving for others – but able to work for your own rewards*); and none shall make them afraid (*righteousness shall abound*): For the mouth of the Lord of hosts has spoken it.

Here we see a time in the relatively near future where The Almighty God is exulted above all things!

Are we at peace?

Do we trust and believe that Almighty God has got all things under perfect control?

Do we have the confidence/assurance that The Almighty God will sort every thing out correctly?

If we are convinced in these things then we will be in the correct state of mind to do God's will.

We must not take the political path and try sort things out ourselves (it is an absolute impossibility in Satan's world) - this must be left to The Almighty God who knows all things. So let Earthly representatives think that they are able 'put political things straight' in Satan's world, and let them do so (and thus demonstrate that they are so pitifully incapable)!

Ask yourself this question:-

Would you wish to commit yourself to a life-time career in a company that you know is going to collapse in three months time?

No!

You would want to put your commitment in something that has much more future being on substantial foundations! Similarly with Satan's world at present and God's Kingdom which will be with us soon!

Acts 10v34-35 And Peter opened his mouth and said: Truly I perceive that God shows no partiality, but in every nation any one who fears Him and does what is right is acceptable to him.

Such barriers do not exist within the True Christian Church. It is open to any person, whatever their nationality or background, race, colour, class – all are one in Yahweh's sight – having the capacity to become one of His Sons.

The wider worldly Christian Church should be like the Christian family unit, a haven of peace, rest and security.

Micah 4v5 For all people will walk every one in the name of his god, and we will walk in the name of the LORD our God for ever and ever.

Clearly while other people may have their gods which will fail them. The Lord God Almighty will last forever and we will worship Him forever. We are to proclaim His name now and the hereafter. We all have different abilities and we must use them to the full to complete the whole body of Christ.

Eccl. 12v13 Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments; for this is the whole duty of man.

Thus in summery Solomon says that we should serve God and put Him first in all things. We must realise that there is a time limit to the things on this Earth, however this is not a critical worry for those who are sincere in doing His work.

As a family, the body and Church of Christ, we must learn to be patient with each member - for we are all brothers and sisters. We must be unselfish and long suffering - learn to 'put up with one another'.

If we do this then we will be walking with God.

There have been men who have walked with God, an example was:-

Gen. 5v24 And Enoch walked with God; and he was not; for God took him.

Gen 6v9 These are the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God.

Walking means conversant and with them all the time to communicate with each other.

If we were walking with someone, would we want our partner to be:-

Proud of us; or, give us questioning looks?

2Pet. 2v5 And (God) spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world upon the world of the ungodly.

Noah spent his time not only building the Ark, but also spent his time preaching The Word of God.

This is similar to us now, God will be bringing this world to an end soon, so likewise, we should preach about God as Noah did in those days so long ago.

1Pet. 2v12 Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles; that whereas they speak against you as evil doers, they may by your good works which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation.

If they see clean homes and tidy, then we will be respected. We will not be like some cults and religious people who have no respect in appearance, hence dirty and slovenly in their manners.

The True Christian will stand out from the evildoers by their actions!

From that people should know which one to follow.

Micah 7v7 Therefore I will look unto the Lord; I will wait for the God of my salvation: My God will hear me.

It says clearly here:-

My God will hear me. - There are no 'ifs' or 'buts'.

Micah is in his grave at the moment, but we know that God will remember him, just as God heard him then, God hears us now. We must keep our eyes open as we see the things prophesied and foretold in Matthew chapter 24 come to pass.

As a True Christian we should not worry about these questions - provided we know the Bible thoroughly:-

Are we sure that God is able sort this world out?

Are we doing the correct things?

We just must remember that we must endure to the end in order to succeed.

Heb. 10v24-25 And let us consider one another to provoke unto principled love and to good works. Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another; and so much the more, as you see the day approaching.

We should not isolate ourselves from The World but actively show our neighbour what side we stand on. But as The Day (= The Millennium) gets closer we must work even harder with private study and publicly minister - not to be complacent but serve God with increased vigour.

Micah 6v6-8 Where with shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before the high God? Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings, with calves of a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, or with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my first born for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my life/soul? He has shown thee, O man, what is good; and what the Lord requires of you., but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God.

If we carry out what this prophet has said, then we will have His backing behind us so that we will know that we will see our brothers and sisters in The New World under the complete control and rulership of our beloved Lord and Christ Jesus.