



BIBLICAL JUSTICE

A STUDY IN THE BOOK OF MICAH

“Accusation”

MICAH 3

1. 1st sermon – A Just God Will Come
(Chapters 1-2)
- 2. 2nd sermon – A Restorative God Will Come
(Chapters 3-5)**
3. 3rd sermon – A Repenting People Is Needed
(Chapters 6-7)

How Does Micah Address Justice?

KEY POINT:

Injustice must be spoken against.

I. Accusations Against the Rulers (vs. 1-4)

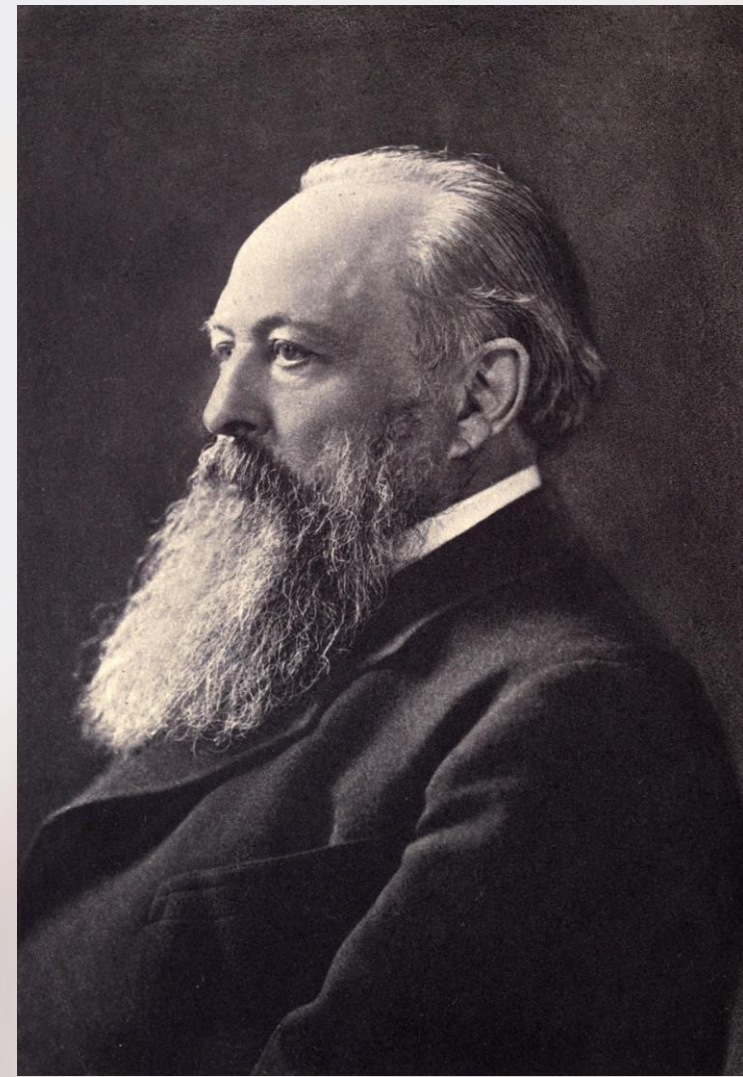
¹ Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. ² Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. ³ For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no..

Romans 13:1-4

*...fear of the one who is in authority?
Then do what is good, and you will receive his
approval, ⁴ for he is God's servant for your
good. But if you do wrong, be afraid,
for he does not bear the sword in vain.
For he is the servant of God, an avenger who
carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer.*

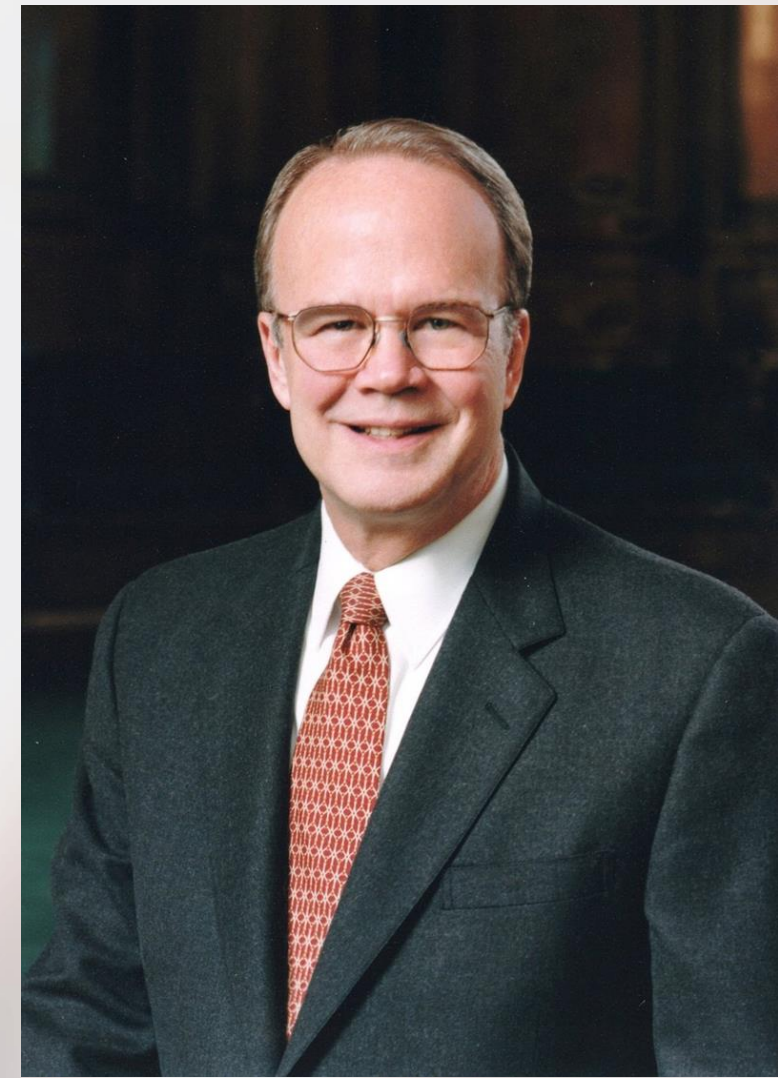
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*“Power tends to corrupt,
and absolute power corrupts
absolutely.”*



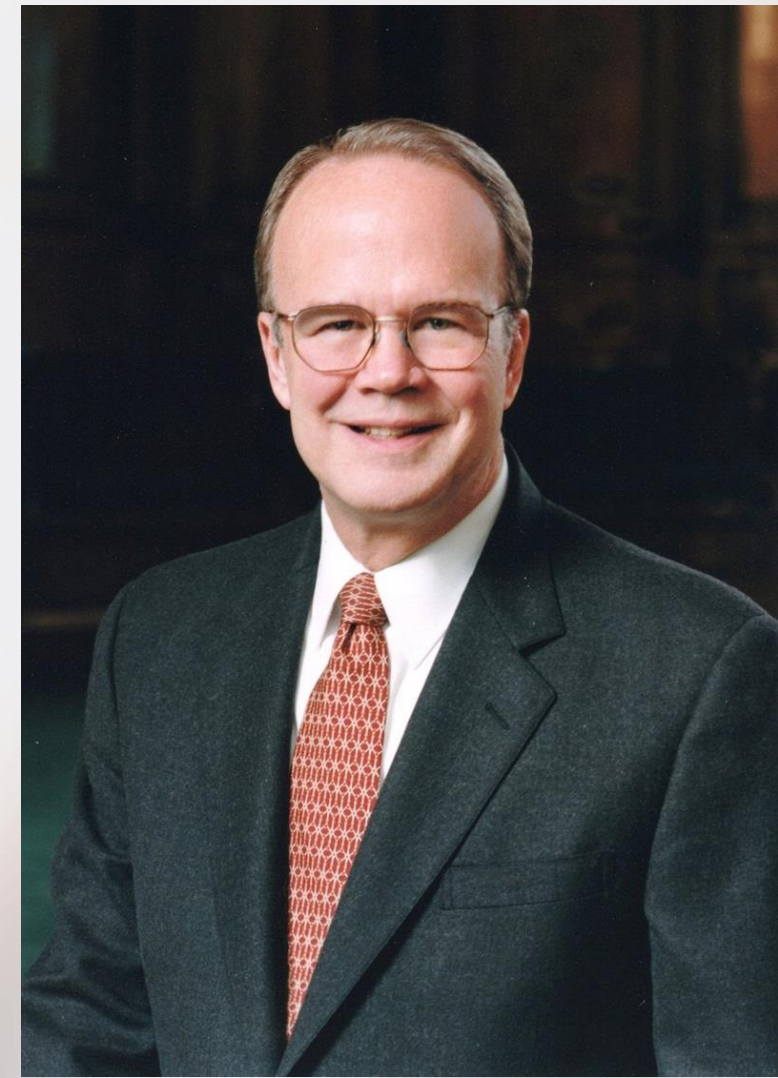
Lord Acton

“What troubled Micah (and God far more) was the sin in the courts, palaces, and temple. All three branches of government were corrupt. Worse yet they worked hand in hand. The politicians got their way in the courts, and the judges were paid for...”



**James M. Boice,
*The Minor Prophets***

“...their destruction of justice. The prophets also benefit from this arrangement and supported the government in turn.”



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“Those who should have been the watchdogs of public welfare and guardians of the old morality have betrayed their trust. They comprise instead a power for evil, aiding and abetting criminals against society.”

Leslie Allen, *New American Commentary*

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*The LORD is far from the wicked,
but he hears the prayer of the righteous.*

Proverbs 15:29

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II. Accusations Against False Prophets
(vs. 5-8)

20 knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. 21 For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

II Peter 1:20-21

*3 For our appeal does not spring from error
or impurity or any attempt to deceive,
4 but just as we have been approved by
God to be entrusted with the gospel,
so we speak, not to please man,
but to please God who tests our hearts.
5 For we never came with words of flattery,
as you know,...*

I Thessalonians 2:3-6

*...nor with a pretext for greed—
God is witness. ⁶ Nor did we seek glory from
people, whether from you or from others,
though we could have made demands as
apostles of Christ.*

I Thessalonians 2:3–6

“You can’t expect to end with justice when you begin by rejecting God’s law as the authority of what is right and wrong. As we shall seek to demonstrate, if advocates of social justice are free to carry out their activism to its natural and logical conclusion,...



**Jeffrey D. Johnson,
What Every Christian Needs to
Know About Social Justice**

“...they will destroy justice and peace altogether. Social justice seeks to destroy individual rights and the authority of the nuclear family and the conservative church by placing civil authority in the place of God. This is because rebellion against...



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"...God's authority is at the heart of the social justice movement."



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III. Accusations Against Misguided Leaders
(vs. 9-12)

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