



# **BIBLICAL JUSTICE**

**A STUDY IN THE BOOK OF MICAH**

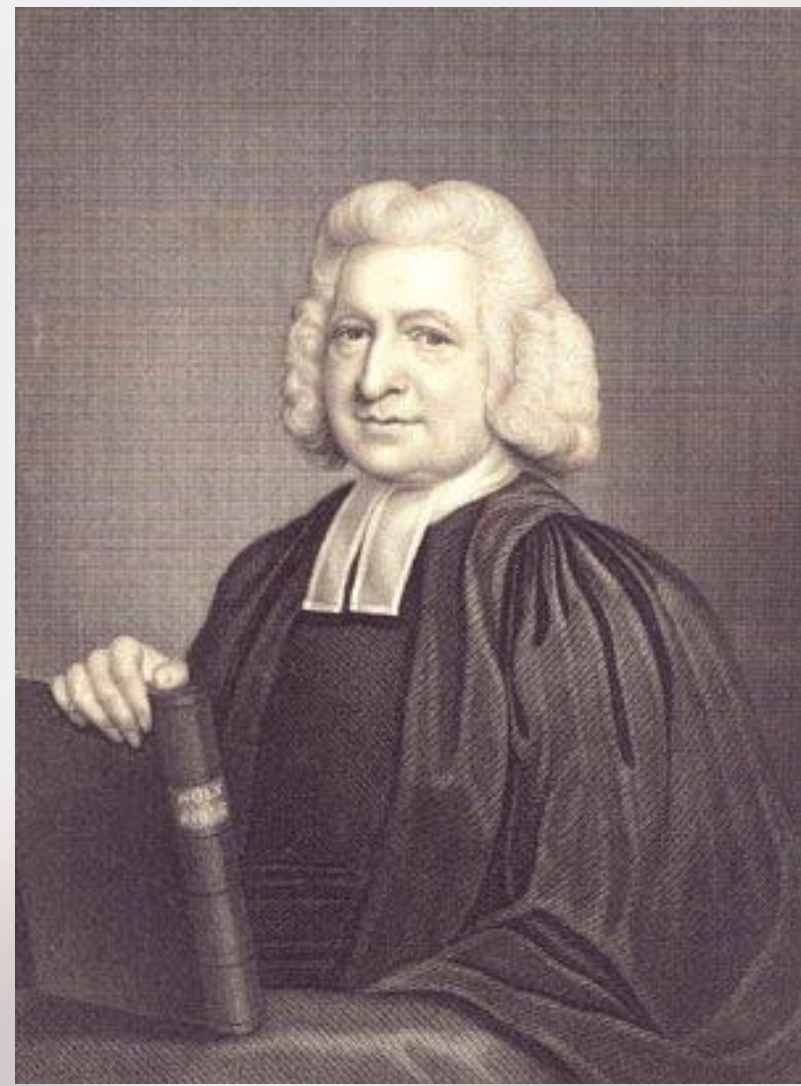
**“Adoration”**

**MICAH 7:1–20**

a. Born in 1707

b. Wrote roughly 9,000 hymns

- Hark, the Herald Angels Sing
- O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing
- Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
- Jesus, Love of My Soul
- Christ the Lord Is Risen Today
- Rejoice! The Lord is King
- And Can It Be?



**Charles Wesley**

*You shall not pervert justice.  
You shall not show partiality,  
and you shall not accept a bribe,  
for a bribe blinds the eyes of the wise and  
subverts the cause of the righteous.  
Justice, and only justice, you shall follow,  
that you may live and inherit the land that  
the LORD your God is giving you.*

**Deuteronomy 16:19–20**



*<sup>6</sup> “With what shall I come before the LORD,  
and bow myself before God on high?  
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,  
with calves a year old? <sup>7</sup> Will the LORD be  
pleased with thousands of rams,  
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?  
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,  
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”*

**Micah 6:6–8**

*...<sup>8</sup> He has told you, O man, what is good;  
and what does the LORD require of you but to  
do justice, and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with your God?*

**Micah 6:6–8**

1. 1st sermon – A Just God Will Come (Chapters 1–2)
  - A. Condemnation (Chapter 1)
  - B. Culmination (Chapter 2)
2. 2nd sermon – A Restorative God Will Come (Chapters 3–5)
  - A. Accusation (Chapter 3)
  - B. Dominion (Chapter 4)
  - C. Champion (Chapter 5)
3. **3rd sermon – A Repenting People Is Needed (Chapters 6–7)**

**How Does Micah Address Justice?**

## **KEY POINT:**

We adore God because there is no one like Him.



# I. The Deplorable Condition of God's People (vs. 1-6)

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- B. Corruption in Society (vs. 3-6)

*<sup>18</sup> For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. <sup>19</sup> For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. <sup>20</sup> For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse...*

## **Romans 1:18–25**

*21 For although they knew God,  
they did not honor him as God or give thanks to  
him, but they became futile in their thinking,  
and their foolish hearts were darkened.*

*22 Claiming to be wise, they became fools,  
23 and exchanged the glory of the immortal God  
for images resembling mortal man and birds  
and animals and creeping things....*

**Romans 1:18–25**

*...<sup>24</sup> Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves,  
<sup>25</sup> because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever!  
Amen.*

**Romans 1:18–25**



# I. The Deplorable Condition of God's People (vs. 1-6)

A. No Godly Fellowship (vs. 1-2)

B. Corruption in Society (vs. 3-6)

# II. The Divine Savior for God's People (vs. 7-20)

*“God is wonderful in His design and excellent in His working. Believer, God overrules all things for your good. The needs-be for all that you have suffered, has been most accurately determined by God. Your course is all mapped out by your Lord. Nothing will take...*



**Charles Spurgeon**

*“...Him by surprise. There will be no novelties to Him. There will be no occurrences which He did not foresee, and for which, therefore, He has not provided. He has arranged all, and you have but to patiently wait, and you shall sing a song of deliverance. Your life has been arranged...*



**Charles Spurgeon**



*"...on the best possible principles, so that if you had been gifted with unerring wisdom, you would have arranged a life for yourself exactly similar to the one through which you have passed. Let us trust God where we cannot trace Him."*



**Charles Spurgeon**

*10 Some sat in darkness and in the shadow of  
death, prisoners in affliction and in irons,  
11 for they had rebelled against the words of God,  
and spurned the counsel of the Most High.  
12 So he bowed their hearts down with hard labor;  
they fell down, with none to help.  
13 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,  
and he delivered them from their distress...*

**Psalm 107:10–15**



*...<sup>14</sup> He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death, and burst their bonds apart.*

**Psalm 107:10–14**

***12** In the sight of their fathers he performed  
wonders in the land of Egypt,  
in the fields of Zoan.*

***13** He divided the sea and let them pass  
through it, and made the waters stand  
like a heap.*

***14** In the daytime he led them with a cloud,  
and all the night with a fiery light.*

**Psalm 78:12–16**

- 15** He split rocks in the wilderness and gave them drink abundantly as from the deep.*
- 16** He made streams come out of the rock and caused waters to flow down like rivers.*

**Psalm 78:12-16**

## **KEY POINT:**

We adore God because there is no one like Him.

1. Forgiving
2. Long-suffering
3. Merciful
4. Compassionate
5. Just
6. Faithful

**Attributes of God in vs. 18–20**



*"You can be angry and yet serene. Your works are varied, but your purpose is one and the same. You welcome those who come to you, though you never lost them. You are never in need yet are glad to gain, never covetous yet you exact a return for your gifts ..."*



**Augustine of Hippo**

*"...You release us from debts,  
but you lose nothing thereby.  
You are my God,  
my Life, my holy Delight,  
but is this enough to say of  
you? Can any man say  
enough when he speaks of  
you? Yet woe betide those  
who are silent about you."*



**Augustine of Hippo**

1. We forget what we have in common (e.g., made in the image of God).
2. It calls the wrong thing sin.
3. It divides humanity into the wrong categories.
4. It will encourage continual anger, frustration, and victimization.
5. It is anti-Gospel.
6. It demands a complicity to the sins of our fathers.

## **What's Wrong with Wokeness?**

*See to it that no one takes you captive by  
philosophy and empty deceit,  
according to human tradition,  
according to the elemental spirits of the world,  
and not according to Christ.*

**Colossians 2:8**



*<sup>3</sup> For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh. <sup>4</sup> For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds. <sup>5</sup> We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ,*

- a. Our war is a spiritual war (vs. 3).
- b. Our weapons are spiritual (vs. 4).
- c. Our weapons are powerful (vs. 4).
- d. Our minds must be taken captive (vs. 5).

## **II Corinthians 10:3–5**



*<sup>13</sup> Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good?*

*<sup>14</sup> But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, <sup>15</sup> but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect,...*

**I Peter 3:13-17**

*...<sup>16</sup> having a good conscience, so that,  
when you are slandered,  
those who revile your good behavior in Christ  
may be put to shame.  
<sup>17</sup> For it is better to suffer for doing good,  
if that should be God's will,  
than for doing evil.*

**I Peter 3:13-17**