

God Does Not Expect Micah 6

God Does Require:

"Do justice" unto others

"Love kindness" do everything in the manner of love

"Walk humbly with your God." Be a faithful servant

Many in world & church have false concept of God & what He requires:

Many think of God as a tyrant with a big stick - **1John 4:8; 1John 5:3**

It is true that God expects and demands certain things of us:

Yet there are some things God Does Not Expect:

What We Cannot Do:

Some Christians worry because they can't do certain things

Might not have ability to preach or teach in public, or lead singing

Each one has different talents - **Matthew 25:14-30**

Only expects us to do what we can do (woman anointing at Bethany) - **Mark 14:6-9**

Complete Knowledge:

Many discouraged because don't know all the Bible teaches overnight

They want to see the end from the very beginning - **Matthew 28:19-20**

On the other hand, some believe ignorance is bliss - **Acts 17:30**

He does expect to study His & rightly divide it - **2Timothy 2:15**

Great Feats:

Some, like rich young man, seem to think that they have to do some great, outstanding feat before God will save them - **Matthew 19:16-22**

Such as: Praying all night; Crawling a mile on hands and knees

Lord requires we do His will as prescribed in New Testament - **Matthew 7:21-23**

Earn Our Way:

Salvation is not dependent solely on my own "goodness"

Many say, "I am not good enough to go to heaven"

Who is? No one is 100%!

God's mercy fills the void beyond our abilities

He does expect obedience - **Hebrews 5:8-9; Luke 17:10**

Perfection, Sinlessness:

There is a lot of misunderstanding about the word "perfect"

Many think of it as one who makes no mistakes

Bible speaks of completeness & maturity in serving God

None are perfect, in sense of sinless - **Romans 3:10,23; Ecclesiastes 7:20**

God does not expect us to live a "perfect" life in this sense of the word

He does expect us to walk in completeness of His Word - **1John 1:5-10; Matthew 5:48**

We need God's help to do this. Must be constant in prayer & action

Perfect Attendance:

He knows that there will be times that we cannot attend

There will be emergencies that arise over which we have no control

In such case we are not required to attend or fellowship in worship

But we are expected to attend every service possible - **Hebrews 10:24-27**

Extreme Giving:

Giving everything to the Church is not necessary - **2Corinthians 8:12**

Will judge as to what we have and the manner of our giving - **2Corinthians 9:7**

This much easier when we first give ourselves to the Lord - **2Corinthians 8:5**

No Enemies:

Many Christians worry because everyone doesn't like them - **2Timothy 3:12; John 15:20**

Christ and Paul had enemies because they stood for the truth

Expects to love our enemies - **Matthew 5:43-44; Romans 12:20-21**

Perfect Parenting:

Many worry children won't live perfectly or will have trouble/problems:

Think if children make false move, parents have failed miserably - **Proverbs 22:6**

We are to bring up our children in Lord to very best of ability - **Ephesians 6:4**

Do best, calling upon Lord to help, need not overly worry

Personal World-Wide Evangelism:

Impossible for one man/church to preach gospel to every creature

Of course, we need to be doing all that we can do

Opportunity plus its ability equals its responsibility

It is better to light one candle than to curse the darkness

His Expectations:

Are you trying to live up to God's expectations for you? - **Micah 6:8**

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