



OUR UNCHANGING GOD IN AN EVER CHANGING CULTURE

God is Just

(How Does God's Justice Affect our Lives?)

He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice [mishpat] , and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? Micah 6:8

A. God Is Just

1. God's Justice is Rooted in His nature (Isaiah 40:14; Philippians 4:8)
2. God's Justice is Consistent - He is not capable of partiality/injustice (Acts 10:34-35; Romans 2:11; Zephaniah 3:5)
3. God's justice is Informed by Perfect Insight (Psalm 7:9; Psalm 51:4)
4. God Models Justice for us (Psalm 146:5-7a)

B. The Goal and Call of Justice (Hebrew words) MISHPAT and TZADEQUAH (Micah 6:8)

1. MISHPAT - the goal of MISHPAT is to set unjust situations right (Leviticus 24:22; Zechariah 7:8-10)
2. TZADEQUAH - the call of TZADEQUAH is conducting all our relationships with fairness, generosity, and equity
3. MISHPAT and TZADEQUAH are combined multiple times in the scriptures (Psalm 33:5; Job 29:14)

C. How Does Justice Affect Our Lives?

1. Leads to a life of Intentional Generosity (Job 31:16-28; Jeremiah 22:3; Ezekiel 18:5,6-8)
2. Reveals God's Glory and Character to the world (Deuteronomy 4:5-8)

Discussion Questions:

1. This sermon is part of a series about the character of God. What characteristics of God do you remember that we have talked about in the series? Take a piece of paper and write the ones you remember down, and then go to the [First Baptist Church Allentown YouTube Page](#) and see how many you got right.
2. Read Micah 6:8. What three things are mentioned in this verse that the Lord requires for an authentic relationship with Him (instead of empty ritualistic religion)? Did you notice they are phrases that point to action? The Hebrew word for justice there is MISHPAT which means "to set unjust situations right." Have you ever been in a situation where you were able to set an unjust situation right? Discuss.
3. Do you practice TZADEQUAH (conducting all your relationships with fairness, generosity, and equity)? None of us are perfect, but God is perfect. What is an area of TZADEQUAH you can get better at: fairness, generosity, or equity (impartiality)? Discuss.