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SERMON ON MICAH

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Hebrew 33

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Cadence of a Drum
I continually Judging - nature - the
very fact he is -
20 - Big Ben - judges every clock in
world - doesn't say or do
anything - just the fact it
is there - clocks judged by
it.

Man does not live alone on
the earth, w/ I remote,
inaccessible, & unconcerned.
Rather man lives his life in the
sight & presence of G: when
if at times it seems that G
is absent, the time will
come when his presence &
power will be revealed.

Do we realize the significance
of that statement? The stark
horror of it. Temporarily a place
of mercy & grace - But I leaves
it. & come down - I still
running things & when he gets
enough, he intervenes, steps in &
takes over.

Men think I confined to
waven, his tarone - not so -
Come down - I done it before & always
brought judgment - Gen 11 -
2 coming - Jude

A Preview of coming
attractions →

a Wake-up
call to God's
people

The DoomsDay Clock

GOD WALKING IN JUDGMENT

Intro: Parable of Life

Text: Micah 1:1-9

Heb. 9:27, Rom. 14:12

INTRODUCTION: There is nothing more certain than the fact that this world is heading for judgment. God has set aside a special day in which He will judge the world in righteousness. The Bible leaves no doubt concerning this. But it is faulty thinking to say that God has relegated ALL judgment to the final day. God's wrath may be manifested at any time. The burden of Micah's message is that judgment is in progress now. The words in verse 3, "go forth," carry the idea of continuous action. God is continually active in judgment. He is a God of continuous judgment. God is active in the affairs of history. Men may sit by and be oblivious to the "exceeding sinfulness of sin" but God will not. He rises off His throne and walks among the nations of the earth in judgment. God is not sitting down until the last hour; He is walking right now--in judgment--as a mighty giant crushing the strongholds of sin under His feet. As God's power in the storms alter the face of the earth, so His approaching judgment will alter the course of men's lives.

In our text the judgment is coming upon Samaria and Jerusalem, but Micah summons the other nations to take a front seat and witness the terrible destruction, and realize that it is only a preview of the destruction that will come upon them, unless they repent. Israel is only the example of the judgment that will come to all people. These calamities should bring home to our own hearts a condemning sense of our own guilt and a warning to flee the coming wrath. God, through His punishment of Israel, is testifying against all of us, who are even more guilty.

In invitation to listen while I presents
his case against those who have disobeyed His
will

It's concern w human affairs as
he comes into the landscape of human
history.

LORD: Right TO
JUDGE

GOD: Power TO
JUDGE

Holy: Reason TO
JUDGE

1. Of Grace
2. Of Holiness
3. Of Power
solid, stable, most
reliable power

The Book of Micah is a lesson in how to take D seriously!

God is rising off His throne and walking in terrible judgment--
hearken, listen consider--and heed the message!

Many misconceptions as to the character of D

What kind of D would be this? Holy but? Bishop of name = D, T, a bully.

I. CONSIDER THE CHARACTER OF THE JUDGE. (1:1-3)

Micah had no weak, 20th century conception of the character of God

Explain significance of naming of D - LORD, Lord, GOD name indicated character & activity & purpose

1. He is the God of Grace. יהוה Jehovah (Verse 1)

(1) This is the title given when referring to God in His covenant relationship--the title of grace. It is derived from the word meaning, "become." So the force of "Jehovah" would be "The Becoming One." He becomes to His people whatever pleases Him in order to meet their need, and at last becoming Man.

(2) It is the God of the covenant that judges. When two persons enter into a covenant they have rights and duties with respect to each other. They are righteous in so far as they observe the obligations imposed by the covenant. Judgment of God's people is based on their faithfulness to the covenant.

(3) The blood of Jesus is the new covenant and God judges us in respect to our faithfulness to that covenant.

(4) The greatest condemnation comes from grace spurned.

The same fire that warms also burns.

2. He is the Sovereign Lord of the Universe. (Verse 2)

יהוה (Lord) He has the power and might to execute judgment.

3. He is the God of Holiness. (verse 2)

מִן הַמִּקְדָּשׁ "From His holy temple."

Many have idea grace eliminates judgment at enlorgil

*For - Lamb of wrath
his sacrifice a contradiction of terms? Wrath of Lamb contrary to nature - pharisees The voice of men become so ordered, provoking, in a Lamb gets angry*

Judgment is D's strange work.

of y King Ben - overture I see it, I set my watch by it.

on marching in Band - set in step.

and inspiring power

Your decline
was synonymous
w/ move to Dallas

- 1- Transgression = break away from
covenant
- 2- related to cities
- 3- not to den back home, but here...
- 4- Harlot hires - worse than immorality

They served false god not out of love or
conviction but for material gain, acceptance by
people

That god was all right back here
but need more here

Lost in
Sodom

Charge
the city - all this
was done in city - when went
to big city

Jews went into new land -
People said better honor this god too,
if want to be blessed.

what they got from serving
other gods - calls harlot hires

Lost to Xian = Religion all night, but
have to be broadminded, etc. here.

Some for broken covenant
for material gain, more money,
acceptance, friends.

Sales manager to employee -
"Can't be a preacher
a salesman."

Kate work for oil co -
"No more missionary wives"

Man's sin makes God's judgment imperative & unavoidable.

④ ~~God's Judgment~~

The tragedy of our day is the weakened conception of God as a God of holiness. The holiness of God confronted with man's sin must act. His holiness is active, going forth in salvation or in judgment. *not an attribute but activity*
It does make a difference to how we live.
He wouldn't be holy if did not judge

II. CONSIDER THE CHARGE OF THE JUDGE. (1:5,7) *Sin has always been the cause of coming down - even to earth to reach man's sin.*

Cause
The cause of this judgment is not a change in God, nor in the power of the enemy, but in the sin of the people. *Israel - back to I - Righteous men as long as faithful to covenant. "We will do all the things thou hast said."*

They broke covenant 1. God charges His people with Transgression. (Verse 5)

related to big cities -
in big cities a driving tendency to break covenant with God
Can't explain it but it's true - influence of evil concentrated become one many, unnoticed
Don't move membership - Don't serve (people from Bible) Texas
Transgress = Break away
"Because of the transgression."

(1) Transgression is literally "breaking away" or "going beyond." Like a bolting horse and a straying sheep, we have broken away from God and have gone beyond His commandments. *Abuse of privilege, crossing of indicated limits for proper behavior*

(2) It is not ignorance or infirmity, but a deliberate setting aside of God's will. It is God saying, "You must," and man replying, "I won't."

(3) This is sin in its most hideous form--man setting up his own will in opposition to the known will of God and acting in disregard of God's plain commands.

2. God charges His people with sin. (verse 5)

Failure to attain a standard which has been set up
Literally, "missing the mark" as when a marksman shoots and misses. God set a target; we missed it--intentionally!

3. God charges His people with Idolatry. (verse 7)

Apostasy
"carved images."

Lot in Sodom

& collects -

What Xian gains from fornicating
He destroys - Harlot hires

Judas lost
his 30 pcs of silver

Tithe: neglect the tithe in
order to catch up on
hills.

4. How & describes Apostasy, breaking covenant -
God charges His people with spiritual harlotry. (Verse 7)

וְהָיָה כִּי יִשְׁכַּח אֱלֹהֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל

"Her harlot hires." Wages or money paid to harlots as the price of their sin.

God has before said in His Word that all sin in His people is spiritual adultery. But this is worse still. The

harlot sins ^{not for love or pleasure but} for the material gain. God's people turn

from God to the world because they think there are more advantages, ^{make more money, more popular, more friends, get ahead} more pleasure in the world. They forsake

God for the worldly gain--spiritual harlotry. yes - men often murder in a fit of passion, but the man who murders for pay, cold-blooded is far worse

III. CONSIDER THE CONSEQUENCES OF JUDGMENT. (1:6,7,9,11)

Sin bears in it the seeds of judgment. Judgment must come. "Her wound is incurable." וְהָיָה כִּי יִשְׁכַּח --a gerundive:

in a word:
Disaster
affects every
area of
life
national
religious
material
personal

a condition which produces a necessity. There is nothing left for God to do but to bring judgment. They deserve it; judgment is inevitable. Nation fell because religion failed

1. Judgment brings national disaster. (Verse 6)

God will destroy Samaria. וְהָיָה כִּי יִשְׁכַּח, as a ruin in the field; a perfect picture of desolation.

III-Call the role of the empires and witness their destruction at the hands of God's judgment.

2. Judgment brings religious disaster. (Verse 7)

וְהָיָה כִּי יִשְׁכַּח

God will "dash" to pieces" the places of false worship. God will destroy the popular gods of the people; the false religion.

3. Judgment brings material disaster. (verse 7)

וְהָיָה כִּי יִשְׁכַּח

"her harlot hires," "all her lover's gifts will be burned in the fire."

Women at Well - 5 husband
can't keep
what you gain
by sin

4. Judgment brings personal disaster. (Verse 11)

וְהָיָה כִּי יִשְׁכַּח

,nakedness--picture of shame and misery.

X'm forsakes
to gain more
& will take it
away!
futile, etc

CONCLUSION: Micah was not the only religious person of his day, but he was the only man in his city with spiritual perception. We have plenty of religious people in our churches, but not enough who take God seriously when He speaks to us of our sin and judgment. To hear God's message of warning and fail to heed it is as foolish as building a house on a sandy foundation; it is as suicidal as inviting a rattlesnake into your lap. May God give us the spiritual wisdom and common sense to confess and repent of our sins.

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