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THE ATTRIBUTES OF GOD: JUSTICE AND MERCY

“He has shown you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?” (Micah 6:8)

Objectives

<i>Knowledge of God’s Will</i>	True justice and mercy come from God.
<i>Knowledge of God</i>	God is just and merciful.
<i>Good Works</i>	Do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with our God.

A. Justice

We believe justice ensures that everyone receives the same treatment for the same wrongdoing. But the justice that we see in the world is very different from the justice that we see in the Bible.

1. *The justice of God:* From the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah, we are able to see the justice that God deals towards wickedness and sin.
2. *How is God just?* God is just in His laws and in His judgments. His laws help us to know what is holy, just, and good, and His judgments are always right.

God exercises His justice and mercy together; they are two sides of the same coin. He is merciful towards those who return to Him, but there will be a day when the time to turn back has passed. On that day, all will be judged according to His justice and righteousness.

B. Mercy

Mercy is the “kind or forgiving treatment of someone who could be treated harshly.” The justice and mercy of God are not in opposition but go hand in hand.

1. *The mercy of God:* God saw the hearts of the people of Nineveh. They were willing to truly repent, so He did not destroy the city as originally intended.
2. *How is God merciful?* God is merciful because He does not punish us according to what we deserve.

C. How Do God’s Justice and Mercy Work in Salvation?

God’s salvation plan shows His mercy, enacted through justice. Jesus’ suffering and death were the penalties paid for our sin, and a demonstration of God’s justice. This act of sacrifice fulfilled God’s justice and, in turn, led to our salvation out of God’s mercy.

Life Application

1. What Does the Lord Require of You? (Mic 6:8)

God wants us to be just and merciful. Love motivates us to see the needs of others, and Micah 6:8 teaches us how to respond and act upon them, according to the word of God.

- a. To do justly
- b. To love mercy
- c. To walk humbly with your God

2. Respond with the Word of God

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Lesson 3 Homework Assignment

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	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Read							
Pray							

Memory Verse (Micah 6:8):

1. Pick one of the characteristics in the memory verse. Briefly explain what it means.
2. How did God show justice to the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah? Why did He show justice to them?
3. In what two ways is God just?
4. How did God show mercy to the city of Nineveh? Why did He show mercy?
5. How did Jesus Christ's death on the cross fulfill God's justice and allow God to show His mercy to us?
6. Describe how you have done justly, loved mercy, or walked humbly with your God this week.