**Micah sent us a message – Sunday 24th March 2019**

**Micah 6:8** Amplified Bible, Classic Edition (AMPC)

**8**He has showed you, O man, what is **good**.

And what does the Lord require of you but to do justly, and to love kindness *and* mercy,

and to humble yourself *and* walk humbly with your God?

**What is GOOD?**

If you were in business, selling lots of products, GOOD would be.

**Good customer service** – which means helping **customers** efficiently, in a friendly manner.

It is essential to be able to handle issues for **customers** and to do your best to ensure they are satisfied. Providing **good service** is one of the most important things that can differentiate your business from its competitors.

Now this is a WORLDLY version of GOOD. What does the Bible say?

**In Christianity,**

the gospel (Greek. euangélion; Old English: gōdspel), or the **Good News**,

which is the **news** of the coming of the Kingdom of God

(Mark 1:14-15).

Mark 1:14-15 New International Version (NIV)

Jesus Announces the Good News

**14**After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God.

**15**“The time has come,” he said. “The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!”

What else did Micah say? – And what does the Lord require of you?

Micah is appealing to Christians of the future to forge the bond between their **inner principles** and **outward conduct**.

Remember, Micah was saying this to Jeruselum, but he could also be saying this to US of the future. Remember, He was a prophet of God.

What does that mean?

Basically it means, in a few words,

**Practice what you preach**. (inner principals/outer conduct\_)

If on a Sunday you are a practicing Christian. Kind, non-confrontational, Humble, Loving, it means that all week you should be the same.

The GOOD news here is that when Jesus left the Earth, He said

“If I don’t go the comforter won’t come.

However, I am telling you the truth:

It’s good for you that I’m going away.

If I don’t go away, the Helper won’t come to you.

But if I go, I will send Him to you”. Some versions say Comforter or Advocate

John 16:7 New International Version (NIV)

**7**But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you.

An Advocate is probably the best interpretation. An ‘ADVOCATE’ is one that stands in the gap for you.

Dictionary meaning is:

The **role of an advocate** is to offer independent support to those who feel they are not being heard and to ensure they are taken seriously and that their rights are respected. It is also to assist people to access and understand appropriate information and services.

Imagine how they felt in that day? Put yourself in their skin in that day. Remember… No TV, Cell phones, Cars, tar sealed roads, you walked everywhere. It was hot, There was wind, and dust. It took time to get from one place to another.

\*\* I had an interesting experience one day when I lived in Marton. I was the “Property Controller” of Alcohol/Drug therapeutic Community. How is that for a Title?

I had noticed when I left home, a woman walking past with her shopping trolley, probably heading to the Super Market a few K’s down the road. I drove to work and organized some things, then went and checked a job on the other side of town, then back to work and back home to get some things. The woman I saw was just walking back from the Super Market heading back home. I lived a very busy life and in a day got a huge amount of work done. The woman’s time frame and mine were worlds apart. Much like in Jesus day. Time had such a different meaning…. Just a thought huh.

Anyway, back to Jesus time.

When they heard Jesus say this, imagine how shocked they would have been?

Jesus is going away and He will send someone back to help us?

What is He talking about?

Who is this Helper?

It is difficult for us today to fully relate to their situation, because as Christians we all now have this Helper – the Holy Spirit.

Imagine walking side by side with the Son of God for three years, seeing all that He did and hearing all that He said.

Imagine being there when He raised Jairus’ daughter from the dead

# Mark 5:22-43 New International Version (NIV)

**22**Then one of the synagogue leaders, named Jairus, came, and when he saw Jesus, he fell at his feet. **23**He pleaded earnestly with him, “My little daughter is dying. Please come and put your hands on her so that she will be healed and live.” **24**So Jesus went with him.

 Jesus went and healed her.

Wouldn’t you want to be around a Man like that forever?

Sure, but wouldn’t it be better to become like that Man - inside, forever?

Of course, and that was His point.

Once Jesus paid for our sins on the Cross, and then ascended to the Father, He could send to each of us the Person of the Holy Spirit.

It is one thing to have Jesus in the boat during a storm but quite another to have Jesus as a part of your being during one of **life’s** storms.

This is the GOOD News that Micha prophesied.

So always remember and let it become a part of your soul

what does the Lord require of you but to do justly, and to love kindness *and* mercy,

and to humble yourself *and* walk humbly with your God?

Next week I would like to share about. Walking in the Spirit of God

One of the highest commendations in the Bible is found in these words about Noah:

#  “Genesis 6:9 Amplified Bible (AMP)

**9**These are *the records of* the generations (family history) of Noah. Noah was a righteous man [one who was just and had right standing with God], blameless in his [evil] generation; Noah walked (lived) [in habitual fellowship] with God

2 Colossians 6-10

**6**Therefore as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, walk in [union with] Him [reflecting His character in the things you do and say—living lives that lead others away from sin],

**7**having been deeply rooted [in Him] and *now* being *continually* built up in Him and [becoming increasingly more] established [[e](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Colossians+2&version=AMP#fen-AMP-29502e)]in your faith, just as you were taught, and overflowing in it with gratitude.

**8**See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deception [pseudo-intellectual babble], according to the tradition [and musings] of *mere* men, following the [[f](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Colossians+2&version=AMP#fen-AMP-29503f)]elementary principles of this world, rather than following [the truth—the teachings of] Christ.

 **9**For in Him all the fullness of Deity (the Godhead) dwells in bodily form [completely expressing the divine essence of God].

**10**And in Him you have been made complete [achieving spiritual stature through Christ], and He is the head over all rule and authority [of every angelic and earthly power].

Lets Pray