

One Topical Summer Together – Part 15
“Seeking Out” – Micah 6:6-8

Introduction: The book of Micah – Micah’s name means “who is like God” (See **Micah 7:18**). His book involves a courtroom scene where God is suing His people for breach of covenant. The date of writing is 740-700 B.C.

The ignorance defense – What does the LORD really want - **Micah 6:6a** - *“With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high?”*

The Possibilities

1. A standard offering – **Micah 6:6b** - *Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old?*

2. A superior offering – **Micah 6:7a** - *Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil?*

3. A superlative offering – **Micah 6:7b** - *Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”*

Man’s Expectation - What should we bring in our hand?

The revelation argument – What has the LORD set forth – **Micah 6:8a** - *He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you?*

The Prescription

1. A heart for righteousness – **Micah 6:8b** - *But to do justice...*

2. A heart for mercy – **Micah 6:8c** – *But ... and to love kindness...*

3. A heart for humility - **Micah 6:8d** – *But and to walk humbly with your God?*

God’s Expectation - What do you have in your heart?

“God requires not some external gifts from His worshiper, but a humble communicant who loves to serve God and practices justice toward his fellowman.” – Dr. Ralph Smith

People of the New Covenant

Its initiation - **1 Corinthians 11:23–25** - *For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, ²⁴ and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, “This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” ²⁵ In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”*

Its transformation - **Hebrews 8:10** - *For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws into their minds, and write them on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.*

Its expectation - **1 John 3:16–17** - *By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. ¹⁷ But if anyone has the world’s goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God’s love abide in him?*

Today’s Takeaways

1. Do I understand what it means to be part of the New Covenant?
2. Do I embrace the expectations involved in being part of the New Covenant?
3. Would there be enough evidence to convict me of being part of the New Covenant?

