



Micah 5:2-5 [2] But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days. ... [4] And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth. [5] And he shall be their peace.

MICAH 6:8 THE SHAPE OF LOVE

Micah 6:1-5 [1] Hear what the LORD says: Arise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. [2] Hear, you mountains, the indictment of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth, for the LORD has an indictment against his people, and he will contend with Israel. [3] "O my people, what have I done to you? How have I wearied you? Answer me! [4] For I brought you up from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery, and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. [5] O my people, remember what Balak king of Moab devised, and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the righteous acts of the LORD."

References: Micah 3:8 , 1:6, 2:1-2, 3:5, 6:6

1 Samuel 15:22 "Has the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to listen than the fat of rams.

Proverbs 21:3 To do righteousness and justice is more acceptable to the Lord than sacrifice.

1) _____, _____ and _____ are the primary shapes of love.

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- 1) Before the sermon, how would you have said that love "manifests" itself? In other words, how does an intangible idea like love, become tangible?
- 2) Read 1 John 4:9: How did God "manifest" His love for us?
- 3) What is Israel's sin that Micah is trying to address?
- 4) In what ways do you see "injustice" in our world today?
- 5) Why is sin such a big deal to God?
- 6) Do you see injustice, a lack of mercy, and a lack of humility as sin? Do you see them as sin in your own life?
- 7) Why does God care about things like justice & mercy?
- 8) What does this have to do with scattering seeds? How are they related?