



MICAH

a minor prophet

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6 for the son treats the father with contempt, the daughter rises up against her mother, the daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; a man's enemies are the men of his own house. 7 But as for me, I will look to the Lord; I will wait for the God of my salvation; my God will hear me.

18 Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love. 19 He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea. 20 You will show faithfulness to Jacob and steadfast love to Abraham, as you have sworn to our fathers from the days of old.

— Micah 7:1-7; 18-20

LAMENT:

“a prayer of pain that leads to trust,”

-Mark Vroegop, “Dark Clouds, Deep” Mercy, pg. 28

O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you; I will praise your name, for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure... He will swallow up death forever. The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears from all faces; he will remove his people's disgrace from all the earth. The LORD has spoken. In that day they will say, 'Surely this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us.

—Isaiah 25:1, 8-9

Main Idea:

In the face of evil and suffering, the believer reflects on the sovereignty of God and the goodness of God which bring him to a place of trust.

Micah 7:

- vss. 1-6: Describes his suffering
- vss 7-10: Declares his resolution
- vss 11-17: Depends upon God sovereignty
- vss 18-20: Dwells in God's goodness

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- Micah vss 1-6.

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- Micah 7:7-10

Trust is not a passive state of mind. It is a vigorous act of the soul by which we choose to lay hold on the promises of God and cling to them despite the adversity that at times seeks to overwhelm us.

-Jerry Bridges

A day for the building of your walls! In that day the boundary shall be far extended. 12 In that day they will come to you, from Assyria and the cities of Egypt, and from Egypt to the River, from sea to sea and from mountain to mountain. 13 But the earth will be desolate because of its inhabitants, for the fruit of their deeds. 14 Shepherd your people with your staff, the flock of your inheritance, who dwell alone in a forest in the midst of a garden land; let them graze in Bashan and Gilead as in the days of old. 15 As in the days when you came out of the land of Egypt, I will show them marvelous things.

16 The nations shall see and be ashamed of all their might; they shall lay their hands on their mouths; their ears shall be deaf; 17 they shall lick the dust like a serpent, like the crawling things of the earth; they shall come trembling out of their strongholds; they shall turn in dread to the Lord our God, and they shall be in fear of you.

- Micah 7:11-17

37 They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword. They went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, mistreated— 38 of whom the world was not worthy—wandering about in deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. 39 And all these, though commended through their faith, did not receive what was promised, 40 since God had provided something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

— Hebrews 11:37-40

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The process of Lament:

- Turn to God
- Bring your complaint
- Ask Boldly for help because God is sovereign
- Choose to trust because God is good



Life is But a Weaving My life is but a
weaving Between my God and me. I
cannot choose the colors He weaveth
steadily. Oft' times He weaveth sorrow;
And I in foolish pride Forget He sees the
upper And I the underside. Not 'til the
loom is silent And the shuttles cease to fly
Will God unroll the canvas And reveal the
reason why. The dark threads are as
needful In the weaver's skillful hand As the
threads of gold and silver In the pattern
He has planned He knows, He loves, He
cares; Nothing this truth can dim. He gives
the very best to those Who leave the
choice to Him.



- Grant Colfax Tullar, "The Weaver"



“Although the threads of my life have often seemed knotted, I know, by faith, that on the other side of the embroidery there is a crown.”

— Corrie Ten Boom