

## AND TO WALK HUMBLY WITH YOUR GOD

The word walk is yalach (יָלַךְ), and the word humbly is tsana (צָנַע). This means to be lowly or SUBMISSIVE.

And you don't "walk submissively" by YOURSELF, but "with YOUR God." (Emmanuel)

### How can you walk humbly with God?

1. You must have the same understanding of "MASTER."

*Matt. 6:9 Pray then like this: 'Our Father in heaven,...*

2. You must have the same DESIRE.

*Matt. 6:9 ... hallowed be your name,...*

3. You must have the same DESTINATION.

*Matt. 6:10 Your kingdom come, ....*

4. You must be going the same DIRECTION.

*Matt. 6:10 ...your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.*

5. You must be WALKING at the same PACE.

### CONSIDER:

1. These are the things that MATTER MOST to God.

*Matt. 23:23 ...and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faithfulness....*

2. These are the things that the Lord is REQUIRING of you.

3. "To do justice" is an OUTWARD focus.

4. "To love kindness" is an INWARD focus.

5. "To walk humbly with your God" is an UPWARD focus.

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### THE KEY VERSE

*Mic. 6:8 He has told you, O man, what is good;  
and what does the LORD require of you  
but to do justice, and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with your God? (ESV)*

*Mic. 6:8 He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. (NIV)*

*Matt 23:23 "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe the mint and dill and cumin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faithfulness. These you ought to have done, without neglecting the others."*

### THE CONTEXT — "GOD, WHAT DO YOU WANT FROM ME?"

These three requirements of Micah 6:8 are a progression which COUNTER or COMPLETE the questions of the people in Micah 6:6-7.

*Micah 6:6 "With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? 7 Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"*

*Mic. 6:8 He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?*

Do You Want....	Would Require	God's Response
The legal requirement?	A year old calf	No, the requirement of justice.
An impossible offering?	Thousands of rams and rivers of oil	No, a difficult but possible one; love kindness.
The ultimate sacrifice?	My firstborn child	No, you are to be God's firstborn; walk humbly.

## TO DO JUSTICE

The word "do" is 'asah. — עָשָׂה, (to do or make).

Justice isn't proclaimed, it is PRACTICED.

Jesus' entire earthly life was spent STANDING up for the oppressed, and SPEAKING for those who could not speak for themselves. (the prostitute who washed His feet, the tax-collectors, the woman caught in adultery, the woman at the well, the man with the withered hand, the woman with the issue of blood, etc.)

The word "justice" is MISHPAT — מִשְׁפָּט (justice).

Three kinds of justice:

1. Retribution or PUNISHMENT (retributive justice).
2. EQUALITY under the law; everyone treated equally and FAIRLY (social justice).
3. Standing up for the OPPRESSED (compassionate justice).

2 Sam. 15:4 Then Absalom would say, "Oh that I were judge in the land! Then every man with a dispute or cause might come to me, and I would give him justice."

**How do we do this?** God expects us to SEE injustice; to PRAY for the oppressed; to AVOID oppressing others; and to SPEAK and ACT for those who are being oppressed.

"Justice will be achieved only when those who have not been injured by injustice feel as indignant as those who are." — Greek Poet Solon

## TO LOVE KINDNESS

The word for LOVE is "ahavah" (אהבה) and the word for KINDNESS (mercy) is "chesed" (חסד).

This word "chesed" is used about 250 times in the Old Testament and is often translated as "LOVING KINDNESS." It is kindness that comes STRAIGHT from the HEART.

Note: we are not told to "DO or SHOW" mercy, but to LOVE it.

## Why should we love kindness?

1. To be LIKE our Heavenly Father.

Ex. 34:6 The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, "The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness,

2. It is REQUIRED of us.

Mic. 6:8 ... And what does the LORD require (requiring) of you?....

Neh. 13:14 Remember me, O my God, concerning this, and do not wipe out my good deeds that I have done for the house of my God and for his service.

3. It is a PROOF of our faith, more than MANY of the other outward things that we often CLAIM.

## How can I show that I love kindness?

1. Avoid thinking HARSH thoughts towards OTHERS.
2. Show an extra MEASURE of PATIENCE, forgiveness and KINDNESS to everyone, and you will BEGIN to love mercy!

If you show mercy, it will change your ACTIONS; if you love mercy it will change your CHARACTER.