

I Will Watch For God's Mercy
Micah Chapter 7

"Who is a God like You, who pardons sin and forgives the transgression of the remnant of His inheritance? You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy"
--Micah 7:18

- I. Micah 7 - A Before and After Picture!

- II. The misery of separation from God - Micah 7:1-2a
 - A. This should have been the season of greatest fruitfulness
--Isaiah 5:1-4

 - B. God desires and expects fruit in His people--Galatians 5:22-23

 - C. Where's the fruit? --Isaiah 5:7

 - D. Another Prophet looking for fruit: Jesus Christ. (John 15)

 - E. It's a people-eat-people world - Micah 7:2b

 - F. The nation is ambidextrous in doing evil: Micah 7:3-4a

 - G. The cream of the crop are thorns and briars
--Luke 6:44

 - H. Accountability is coming - Micah 7:4b; Jeremiah 6:17-19

 - I. There are no safe relationships - Micah 7:5-6

- III. God is our only hope - Micah 7:7-13
 - A. God can be trusted.

 - B. Micah will watch for God.

 - C. Micah will wait for God--Habakkuk 2:1; Habakkuk 3:16-19

 - D. Though fallen, we will rise - Micah 7:8-9

 - E. Shame will cover all our enemies instead - Micah 7:10

- F. God will expand His kingdom through His people -
--Micah 7:11; John 15:1-2
 - G. The fruit will be international - Micah 7:12; Isaiah 56:6-7
 - H. "In with the new" means "Out with the old" - Micah 7:13
--Psalms 46:8-11
- III. A heartfelt prayer and God's answer - Micah 7:14-17
- A. Micah's heart: "God, come Shepherd Your people!"
 - B. The staff was the symbol of the Shepherd's power.
 - C. God's sheep have the most ideal setting
 - E. "As in the days long ago..." recalls their early history with God.
--Habakkuk 3:2
 - F. God answers Micah, "I will show them my wonders."
 - G. The nations will see God's power in His people - Micah 7:16-17
- IV. Who is a God like you? Micah 7:16-20
- A. God delights in goodness but hates sin.
--Genesis 6:5-7; II Peter 3:9; Ezekiel 18:32
 - B. God also delights to show mercy.
--Romans 2:4
 - C. God will again have compassion on us.
 - D. God will be faithful and true to His people.
 - E. I want to watch for God's mercy, like Micah.
 - F. No matter how skilled we are at doing evil, God is even more skilled at showing us mercy.

