

Micah 7:1-10 (GW)

¹ Poor me! I am like those gathering summer fruit, like those picking grapes. But there aren't any grapes to eat or any ripened figs that I crave.

² **Faithful people are gone from the earth**, and no one is decent. All people lie in ambush to commit murder. They trap each other with nets.

³ Their hands are skilled in doing evil. Officials ask for gifts. Judges accept bribes. Powerful people dictate what they want. So they scheme together.

⁴ The best of them is like a briar. The most decent person is sharper than thornbushes. The day you thought you would be punished has come. Now is the time you will be confused.

⁵ Don't trust your neighbors. Don't have confidence in {your} friends. Keep your mouth shut even when a woman is lying in your arms.

⁶ A son treats his father with contempt. A daughter rebels against her mother. A daughter-in-law rebels against her mother-in-law. People's enemies are the members of their own families.

⁷ I will **look to the LORD**. I will **wait for God** to save me. I will wait for my God to listen to me.

⁸ Don't laugh at me, my enemies. Although I've fallen, I will get up. Although I sit in the dark, the LORD is my light.

⁹ I have sinned against the LORD. So I will endure his fury **until he takes up my cause** and wins my case. He will bring me into the light, and I will see his victory.

¹⁰ Then my enemies will see this, and they will be covered with shame, because they asked me, "**Where is the LORD your God?**" Now I look at them. They are trampled like mud in the streets.

Micah was a man with a broken heart. "Poor Me" vs 1

He is not in self pity so why is he miserable.

Look at vs 2

Micah 7:2 (GW)

² Faithful people are gone from the earth, and no one is decent. All people lie in ambush to commit murder. They trap each other with nets.

The fruit he is looking for is godly character and he can't find any.

Vs 10 Where is the Lord your God?

Sometimes we don't have an answer. All he can say is things will be different in the future.

Coronavirus.

The God Who Hides Himself

Isaiah 45:15 (GW)

¹⁵ Certainly, you are a God who has hidden himself. You are the God of Israel, the Savior!

Job 23:8-9 (GW)

⁸ However, if I go east, he isn't there. If I go west, I can't find him.

⁹ If I go northward, where he is at work, I can't observe him. If I turn southward, I can't see him.

He knows God is always present but he can't find God.

Isaiah 64:7 (GW)

⁷ No one calls on your name or tries to hold on to you. You have hidden your face from us. You have let us be ruined by our sins.

Psalm 42:10-11 (GW)

¹⁰ With a shattering blow to my bones, my enemies taunt me. They ask me all day long, “Where is your God?”

¹¹ Why are you discouraged, my soul? Why are you so restless? Put your hope in God, because I will still praise him. He is my savior and my God.

We do not have the answer. We can't solve the problem only God can solve that problem.

That is faith. I can't do it. It won't happen if God doesn't do it.

What do we do when we cant see what God is doing

1. Watch and Wait

Micah 7:7 (GW)

⁷ I will look to the LORD. I will wait for God to save me. I will wait for my God to listen to me.

God's hiding is not final.

Hidden but not absent

Seem far away but He is always at work.

Waiting in the Bible is how we grow. Dark Places. God does not leave us there. He always brings us to the light.

Micah 7:8 (GW)

⁸ Don't laugh at me, my enemies. Although I've fallen, I will get up. Although I sit in the dark, the LORD is my light.

God's greatest work was done in darkness. The cross, The Grave, The Resurrection.

2. Put your hope in the gospel

Micah 7:9 (GW)

⁹ I have sinned against the LORD. So I will endure his fury until he takes up my cause and wins my case. He will bring me into the light, and I will see his victory.

God will take up our cause and do for us what we cannot do ourselves.

We celebrate this week leading to Easter the prophecy of Micah being realized.

Micah places all of his confidence in the one who is to come Jesus

Where are you placing your confidence

Paul – Romans 1:16 (GW)

¹⁶ I'm not ashamed of the Good News. It is God's power to save everyone who believes, Jews first and Greeks as well.

Biblical World View - George Barna only 9 percent of believers have a biblical world view.