



Is there One Righteous Person?

A. God is Looking for a Righteous Person

- **Abraham** begged God to save the five cities of the plain if he could find ten righteous persons. (*Gen 18:23-33*)
- The Lord instructed **Jeremiah**, “Run to and fro through the streets of Jerusalem; see now and know; and seek in her open places if you can find a man, if there is *anyone* who executes judgment, who seeks the truth, and I will pardon her.” (*Jer 5:1*)
- **Ezekiel** sought a person who would ‘stand in the gap’ before the Lord so that the Lord would not need to destroy Jerusalem, “but [Ezekiel] found no one.” (*Eze 22:30*)

B. Are You that One Righteous Person? *Micah 7*

- What does the Lord require? *Micah 6:8* “He has shown you, O man, what *is* good; And what does the LORD require of you But to do justly [righteously], To love mercy, And to walk humbly with your God?” *2 Cor 5:9; Heb 12:2*
- Woe is me! Like Isaiah (*Isa 6*) when Micah looked around and saw the condition of the world he said, “Woe is me.” We might share Micah’s view when we look around us. The surface glitter cannot cover up the disregard for moral standards and the true condition of mankind apart from God.
- The Search *Micah 7:1-2* The search for one righteous person, Micah says, is very similar to the experience of the owner of an orchard who is looking for fruit—and there is none there.

C. Why are Things So Bad *Micah 7: 2-6*

- Prosperity at any cost :2
- Business and government corruption :3-4
- Friends and family turn against godliness :5-6

D. The Solution for the Righteous *Micah 7:7-9*

- **Therefore**” says Micah:
I will look to the LORD
I will wait for the God of my salvation;
My God will hear me.
When I fall, I will arise;
When I sit in darkness,
The LORD will be a light to me.
- **God wants us** to become that ONE righteous person who will stand in the gap for His purposes on this earth. “For He [*God*] hath made Him [*Jesus*] to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him [*Jesus*]. *1 Cor 5:21 KJV*
- **“Let your light so shine** before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.” **Jesus** *Mat 5:16 KJV*

The Lord is my Light

Micah 7:1-9 NKJV

:1 Woe is me! For I am like those who gather summer fruits, Like those who glean vintage grapes; *There is no* cluster to eat Of the first-ripe fruit *which* my soul desires.

:2 The faithful *man* has perished from the earth, And *there is no one upright among men.* They all lie in wait for blood; Every man hunts his brother with a net.

:3 That they may successfully do evil with both hands— The prince asks *for gifts*, The judge *seeks* a bribe, And the great *man* utters his evil desire; So they scheme together.

:4 The best of them *is* like a brier; The most upright *is sharper* than a thorn hedge; The day of your watchman and your punishment comes; Now shall be their perplexity.

:5 Do not trust in a friend; Do not put your confidence in a companion; Guard the doors of your mouth From her who lies in your bosom.

:6 For son dishonors father, Daughter rises against her mother, Daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; A man's enemies *are* the men of his own household.

:7 Therefore I will look to the LORD; I will wait for the God of my salvation; My God will hear me.

:8 Do not rejoice over me, my enemy; When I fall, I will arise; When I sit in darkness, The LORD *will be* a light to me.

:9 I will bear the indignation of the LORD, Because I have sinned against Him, Until He pleads my case And executes justice for me. He will bring me forth to the light; I will see His righteousness.