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We use the Christian Bible as our guide. Because as noted in my page on Atheism, if we believe there is an infinite supreme being that could greate such a grand universe and everything in it, we then also believe there is an infinite supreme being that could gride things to provide us with scripture for our learning about Him! And He did it by guiding certain individuals, called prophets
to write the various parts of the scriptures. In the same way we too, created in His image, build products and don't leave people in the dark; we provide a user manual. Summarizing what God wants from us A genuine relationship, where we truly get to know Him as our God who is unseen but well described in the Bible, love Him, and worship Him.
And in return He forgives our sins, brings us into His Family, pours His blessings on us, and give us eternal life in Heaven. He wants us to mature in the knowledge of Him to get this relationship to a meaningful level. You can get started now with the Lord's Prayer and talk directly to "our heavenly Father". God, in His Holy nature, has rules that He
Himself cannot bend or break. Example, He cannot be in relationship with evil, which is us when we are sinful. Who among us is without sin? So knowing this, He devised a way to forgive us our sins - renewed day by day - to restore the relationship with Him. But first you have to ask for it, the proper way, by learning all about Jesus' commands and
keeping them! Thus, seeking God in the Bible. God Himself cannot break His rules, but He can forgive us when we do! What is His biggest concern? It is the risk of losing us. For example, become lost in this world's riches, worries, social media of today, or atheism. The worst sins of the flesh? He can forgive when we turn to Him with the right
attitude. But leaving Him? means we've cut the cord; He can do nothing for us at that point. We'd be doomed to eternal torment. When you reject Him, He can only move away. And when He moves away, you have nothing left but darkness, desolation, depression, and every negative thing you've ever experienced in life magnified by multiples. -You
ask: "Why would a loving God want to send us to hell and torment would be the result of His absence!!! Note1: No, God is not sending people to hell for His glory! as some churches teach. NO!! He is a loving God. He did everything He could to
reconcile us to Him. He sent Jesus, a part of Himself, to earth to suffer miserably and die on the cross in our place, so we have an easy path to heaven!!! But no one wants it!!! No one is interested!!! People are rejecting God and sending themselves to hell! The Bible says angels in heaven cry over every lost soul!!! NO, God is not a "cosmic killjoy" as
some so called "christians" portray Him to be! Note2: God gave us the freedom to choose, hoping that we choose Him. And choose Him His way, not today's churches' ways, which are unfortunately the dominant wrong ways in the world today. Our 100-year lifespan on earth is a test-ground for our intentions and attitude towards Him. But people
treat life here as final; most mock any talk of afterlife!! God cared so much that He did provide us a very easy path to Him. It is not what churches preach. Look here for the real biblical path: How to Be True Christians. Rejecting God comes in many shapes and forms; it's not only atheists. When people reject His redemption plan through Christ and
instead turn to dead people like Mary and saints. Or when people become so arrogantly callous, stick to the high-level lip-service belief, "by faith alone & nothing else", refusing to learn Jesus' commands and parables nor obey them! Or when they declare, "sit back relax, He already decided"! All of these are other forms of rejecting God. And the irony
is, these people are throwing stones at atheists all over the internet!! I see more hope for atheists than for feature and for relationship with Him. Created for God's "pleasure" does not mean we are made to entertain God or provide Him with amusement. God is a creative being, it gives Him pleasure to
create. And He is a personal being; it gives Him pleasure to have other beings around for a genuine relationship with us, if we're willing: James 4:8 Come near to you. Proverbs 8:17 I love those who love me, and those who seek me diligently
find me. And this verse, which churches don't talk about, but keep asking people to donate, when all that God really wants from us is get to know me. The Bible says (references below), God is an infinite being, not a creature. He is Holy,
immortal, all powerful, all knowing, Righteous, Good, Loving, Just, infinite in Wisdom, He's the alpha and the omega, patient, Graceful, His ways are not our ways, He sits outside of time - infinity past / future are both visible to Him from where He is. He is not male nor female; these are human characteristics. But He is far more loving and caring than
any earthly parent can be. His name is "I Am". There is one thing impossible for Him - He cannot unite with evil. And people who reject Him effectively become evil. The God of the Bible is complicated for us to fully understand. He would not be the awesome God that He is if we, His creation, can easily figure Him out. The Bible says He is one God
but consists of 3 Persons as revealed in scriptures: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We can think of this as 3 personalities of the one God, that can be manifested in different forms. All three Persons of God existed eternally past and will remain for eternity future. This is why God says, He is "I Am". So, Jesus did not come into existence when Mary gave
birth to Him. Jesus became human for a period on earth to accomplish God's redemption plan. He gave us free will to choose our ways. Best example of the free will was in the Adam and Eve story. He gave them the choice to eat or not
eat from the tree. And they chose to eat. He did not make them eat from it; they chose to eat. He did not make them eat from it; they chose to eat. He did not make them eat from it; they chose to eat. He did not make them eat from it; they chose to eat. He did not make them eat from it; they chose to eat. He did not make them eat from it; they chose to eat. He did not make them eat from it; they chose to eat. He did not make them eat from it; they chose to eat. He did not make them eat from it; they chose to eat. He did not make them eat from it; they chose to eat. He did not make them eat from it; they chose to eat. He did not make them eat from it; they chose to eat. He did not make them eat from it; they chose to eat. He did not make them eat from it; they chose to eat. He did not make them eat from it; they chose to eat. He did not make them eat from it; they chose to eat. He did not make them eat from it; they chose to eat. He did not make them eat from it; they chose the eat. He did not make them eat from it; they chose the eat. He did not make them eat from it; they chose to eat. He did not make them eat from it; they chose to eat. He did not make them eat from it; they chose the eat. He did not make them eat from it; they chose the eat. He did not make them eat from it; they chose the eat. He did not make the eat. He
us to Him. To be in this plan we have to humble ourselves and turn to Him. And He will forgive us of all our wrongdoings. Keep looking at this website. God's redemption plan requires a person perfect in every way to die in our place to atone for our sin. This is the main basis of the Christian religion. God saw that there was no one among humans
qualified to perform this substitutionary atonement death, and that if He didn't do anything about it, all His creation would send itself to hell. So, He found that the only way to provide salvation was through His own self. And this was where Jesus came in. This was prophet Isaiah thousands of years before Jesus came to earth: Isaiah
63:5 I looked, but there was no one to help; I was appalled that no one assisted. So My arm brought Me salvation, and My own wrath upheld Me. The Bible says Jesus is the only sinless human that walked the earth, which qualified Him to be the perfect redemption
sacrifice. God sent Him to earth to be physically-die miserably. He is God; He didn't have to do this!
But He did, out of love for us, to provide us an easy path to eternal life. Jesus rose from the dead on the 3rd day, and many people saw Him and talked to Him. Then He ascended to heaven and is now alive in the flesh in a real place and seated at the right-hand of God. Now that you see the grand image clearly, do you see the magnificence of God's
grace and love for us? All we have to do now is believe in Jesus Christ as the Son of God who died for our sins. And we are saved to eternal life. So how do we accomplish this relationship with God in our daily life? Do: 1. Seek God always. How? God is in the Scriptures of the Bible. God's personality is consistent throughout the Bible. The more we
read, the more He reveals Himself to us. Dedicate "spiritual" time for this. There is no hard rule. Once a week is ok, but if you can, daily is better. It is all about your personal interests. You determine how strong you want your relationship with God to be. I provide help on this here: How to Be True Christians. 2. Jesus taught us how to pray daily (the
Lord's Prayer). Most important to note, the "daily Bread" we ask for in this prayer, is the redemptive sacrifice of Jesus, the spiritual Bread of life that God gives for the forgiveness of our sins. This is how we become "righteous" in the eyes of God and receive all His blessings. See The Lord's Prayer is Severely Misunderstood for more details. 3. Love
all people, of all ethnic groups, religions, races, and financial status. They're all God's creation, His children, and He loves them all. Don't: 1. Don't learn Christianity by watching movies, shows, or read books about it. Learn it from the Bible. Many Bible apps offer audio now. So you can listen to it any time, like when
driving, and set the audio speed to 0.75. 2. Don't become a Churches are businesses. Don't become a Catholic nor an Evangelical, Baptist, etc. Christian denominations are more like social clubs. See my page, Are We True Christians? 3. Don't treat your spiritual duties of praying and reading the Bible as burden. You may feel this at first.
It's ok because with time you'll see God more clearly and become more and more genuinely interested in getting closer to Him and knowing more about Him. 4. Don't let the misleading internet fluff push you off-track. Remember, all people have an agenda driving them. You say, "well what about you?" I'm driven by passionate love for the true God
and for people; no agenda, no hidden motives, no denomination, and no financial gains. The main difference between me and the rest out there bashing Christianity, is that I don't criticize other religions. I only point to the facts from the Bible to help you in your search for the true God. The Bible is not inconsistent nor contradicting. Those who say
this, have not expended enough time to see clearly. God is awesome; not easy to figure out. Sure there are parts in the Bible as Jesus commanded. That's it. Start moving in this direction, and you secure yourself through Jesus
Christ to eternal life in the next age. Where we will have a perfect life on the new earth (the Bible tells us of a new heaven and new earth). So many perfect things there, and new order, and new way of life not yet revealed to us by God; It is not floating ghosts with harps as Hollywood portrays. And it is forever. 1 Corinthians 2:9 But as it is written,
what no eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no human heart has conceived - God has prepared these things for those who love him. The alternative is, you separate yourself there is no God. And you secure yourself there is no God. And you secure yourself there is no God. And you secure yourself there is no God. And you separate yourself there is no God. And you secure you secure you secure you have you secure you have you secure you have you 
 while you are alive. But once you die, there is no "oops can I change my mind?" Now is the time. And if you declare to separate yourself from God, and die in that state, you will go to hell. God cannot save you in this situation. You've effectively cut the cord with God. Related Readings Why Did We Choose to be Christians? Are We True Christians?
This is How We Should Pray Why All The Pain and Suffering on Earth? How to Be True Christians Bible References: Revelation 22:13 I am the Alpha and the End. Exodus 3:14 14 God said to Moses, "I am who I am." And he said, "Say this to the people of Israel: 'I am has sent me to you.'" Psalm
147:5 Great is our Lord, and of great power; His understanding is infinite. Psalm 145:8 The LORD is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love. Ephesians 2:4-10 4 But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, 5 made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions - it is by grace you have been
 saved. 6 And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, 7 in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus, 8 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God
- 9 not by works, so that no one can boast. 10 For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. Psalm 53:1-3 1 The fool says in his heart, "There is no God." They are corrupt, doing abominable iniquity; there is no he who does good. 2 God looks down from heaven on the children of the 
man to see if there are any who understand, who seek after God. 3 They have become corrupt; there is none who does good, not even one. Isaiah 52:9-10 9Break forth in joy, sing together, O ruins of Jerusalem, for the LORD has bared His holy
arm in the sight of all the nations; all the ends of the earth will see the salvation of our God. Isaiah 55:8 "For my thoughts are not your thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways," declares the Lord. Colossians 1:15-16 15 The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. 16 For in him all things were created: things in heaven
and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. Genesis 1:27 So God created through him and for him. Genesis 1:27 So God created through him and for him.
no one has seen or can see. Both the public schools, and our Angleton Christian School have resumed classes now. And I'm sure as classes began, most teachers shared with their expectations, right from the beginning: here's how we need you to act, in your conduct; here's what is required of you, assignment-wise, to get a certain
grade. And that's good; it's good to know what the expectations are, going in. And we might say the same thing is true in our relationship with God. What does He expect of me? What do
the first time — or for the first time in a long time. Or maybe you have come to day because you're seeking God in a special way at this time in your life. As you seek to come to Him, what does He want from you? It's good to know, right? Well, that's what our passage for today shows us. Verse 6 says, "With what shall I come to the Lord?" In other
words, what does God want from me? Verse 8 answers the question: "He has told you, O man, what is good, and what the Lord requires of you." And He shows us here what He wants, both in our vertical relationship towards Him, and in our horizontal relationship towards Him, and the horizontal relationship towards Him, and the horizontal relationship towards Him, and t
What God DOESN'T Want: God doesn't just want "religious stuff" instead of obedience in our lives. He says here in :6-7, "With what shall I come to Him with burnt offerings, with yearling calves? Does the LORD take delight in thousands of rams, in ten thousand rivers of oil? Shall I
present my firstborn for my rebellious acts the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" He makes it clear here that these are NOT the things that He wants. He says in :8, "He has told you, O man, what is good, and what ... the LORD requires of you ..." — and it wasn't these things. He didn't just want all these sacrifices and offerings. Especially when
they were giving them while they were at the same time sinning in other areas of their life! God says, I don't want you just to do all this "religious stuff," and think it will "make up" for your sins. It doesn't. That's not what I want from you. In 1066 William the Congueror invaded England from France, and established himself as king. His invasion had
led to the deaths of many men, so to help relieve his guilt before God, he built a chapel on the spot where the key battle took place. Cheryl, Michael & I visited there back in 2010; it is called "Battle Abbey" — the chapel would make up for the guilt of his killings? It
was a common practice in those days. "Build you a chapel; it'll atone for your sins." But that is just the kind of thing that God is talking about here. You can't make up for your sins with religious deeds and sacrifices — no many how big a church you build, how much money you give, or how many good works you do. Outward shows of religion can't
make up for your inward heart of sin. God doesn't want it. That's why Jesus said in Matt 5, if you are bringing your offering before the altar, and there remember that your brother, THEN come and present your offering. Because the "good religious
 business, so I'll give a big gift to the church building fund. — I partied too much on Friday night; so I'd better go to church on Sunday. — I'm sleeping with somebody I shouldn't, so I'll "make up for it" by going to visit folks in the nursing home. God doesn't want all that religious stuff — especially when you are doing it as a substitute for obeying Him
in the first place! He doesn't want our "sacrifices" or outward shows of religion to make up for inward sins. So what DOES God want? He shows us three things in this famous verse: The word "justice" is the Hebrew word "mishpat," one of the prominent words of the Old Testament;
 - Exodus 23:6 "You shall not pervert the justice due to your needy brother in his dispute. - Deuteronomy 24:17 "You shall not pervert the justice due an alien or an orphan - I Samuel 8:3 His sons, however, did not walk in his ways, but turned aside after dishonest gain and took bribes and perverted justice. - Isaiah 1:17 Learn to do good; Seek justice,
 Reprove the ruthless, Defend the orphan, Plead for the widow. God says throughout the Old Testament: DO JUSTICE! Make sure that everyone gets what they are due - from society or our legal system as a whole, and especially from YOU personally. Be just in your dealings with everyone, whoever they are. This is to be true in the way we do business
 personally. We see some examples of what God is talking about here, later on in this very chapter: — :10 talks about "a short measure that is cursed." "Short measure for grain, it was about like a "bushel" is today. So He says, you have a "shrunken ephah" — in other
 words, the bushel you are measuring out to other people, when you sell them your grain, is too small. You are ripping them off. You are cheating them in business. — He says in :11, "Can I justify wicked scales and a bag of deceptive — they
are cheating them. God says these kinds of practices are wrong in His sight. Do JUSTICE when you're selling someone a pound, give them a full bushel for their money And that principle doesn't just apply to agriculture: — when you're working for
 someone, give them a full hour's work for a full hour's work for a full hour's pay. — when you're paying a worker, pay them everything they're due. — when you sell something, be honest in your dealings with them. Don't rip people off and say "Well, that's just the way of the world; that's just business." God says NO! YOU DO JUSTICE! And as we see elsewhere in the OT,
 "mishpat," "justice" applies to more than just business. Make sure that people get the justice that is due them — whoever they are. Don't show prejudice either for or against someone, because of their status or background. Do what is right. Deuteronomy says don't pervert the justice due an alien or an orphan. Some people think: "Well, this person
is a foreigner; it doesn't really matter how we treat them." God says, yes it does. You treat them justly. Don't give them less than justice just because they are of another ethnic or national background. Or: well, that's just a poor widow; nobody sees or knows how I treat them. YES SIR Someone does see it: and HE will judge you for the way you treat
them! God says in Isaiah 10 He will judge those who take advantage of widows, and don't give the poor their rights. God says "do justice," for everyone, regardless of who they are. During the Great Depression, Franklin Roosevelt tried to employ a number of innovative programs to deal with the crisis. But the U.S. Supreme Court struck down several
of his efforts as unconstitutional. So FDR decided he wanted to "pack the court" and add enough new members to outvote them. But when Roosevelt's proposal came to the Senate in 1937, George Norris, a senator from Nebraska, said he asked himself the question, how would he have stood 'if Harding (a Republican president) had offered this bill.'
And then he gave his answer: he would have opposed the bill had Harding offered it. Wrong was wrong, no matter WHO was doing it. (Robert A. Caro, The Years of Lyndon Johnson: Master of the Senate, p. 62) God is saying here in Micah that's how we should
be towards every person: give them justice: friend or foe. Right is right; wrong is wrong; no matter WHO they are. "Lady Justice" is often depicted in statues and paintings as being blindfolded; in other words, it doesn't matter WHO they are. "Lady Justice" is often depicted in statues and paintings as being blindfolded; in other words, it doesn't matter WHO they are. "Lady Justice" is often depicted in statues and paintings as being blindfolded; in other words, it doesn't matter WHO they are. "Lady Justice" is often depicted in statues and paintings as being blindfolded; in other words, it doesn't matter WHO they are. "Lady Justice" is often depicted in statues and paintings as being blindfolded; in other words, it doesn't matter WHO they are. "Lady Justice" is often depicted in statues and paintings as being blindfolded; in other words, it doesn't matter WHO they are. "Lady Justice" is often depicted in statues and paintings as being blindfolded; in other words, it doesn't matter who is a statue words. "Lady Justice" is often depicted in statue words. "Lady Justice" is often de
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your enemies is also wrong for your friends! — Do what's right for ALL. Do justice for ALL. What does want from us? First of all, He says, I want you to do justice for all. Give everyone their due — friend or foe, rich or poor, whatever culture or color. DO JUSTICE! B. "Love Grace" Many versions translate this word as "mercy" or "kindness" or
Testament "grace." It's God's undeserved goodness to us: "grace." So God wants us to "love grace." Grace is when you treat someone better than they deserve. So He's saying, I want you to LOVE grace; love treating people better than they deserve. So He's saying, I want you to LOVE grace." So God wants us to "love grace." So He's saying, I want you to LOVE grace." So He's saying, I want you to LOVE grace." So He's saying, I want you to LOVE grace." So He's saying, I want you to LOVE grace." So He's saying, I want you to LOVE grace." So He's saying, I want you to LOVE grace." So He's saying, I want you to LOVE grace." So He's saying, I want you to LOVE grace." So He's saying, I want you to LOVE grace." So He's saying, I want you to LOVE grace." So He's saying, I want you to LOVE grace." So He's saying, I want you to LOVE grace." So He's saying, I want you to LOVE grace." So He's saying, I want you to LOVE grace." So He's saying, I want you to LOVE grace." So He's saying, I want you to LOVE grace." So He's saying, I want you to LOVE grace." So He's saying, I want you to LOVE grace." So He's saying, I want you to LOVE grace." So He's saying, I want you to LOVE grace." So He's saying, I want you to LOVE grace." So He's saying a want you to LOVE grace." So He's saying a want you to LOVE grace." So He's saying a want you to LOVE grace." So He's saying a want you to LOVE grace." So He's saying a want you to LOVE grace." So He's saying a want you to LOVE grace." So He's saying a want you to LOVE grace.
 making sure people get what they are due. That's good, as far as it goes. But now God says here, Don't JUST "do justice" — that's a good place to start. But go even further: "love grace" — go BEYOND just what someone is "due" and give them even MORE than they are due. Give them grace: treat them BETTER than they deserve. Sometimes a
 person can take a kind of "cruel delight" in seeing people get what they deserve. For example, years ago the English poet Percy Bysshe Shelley passed away. Shelly had been known to have written some poetry which was not Christian. So at his death, one newspaper reported: 'Shelley, the writer of some infidel poetry, has been drowned; now he
knows whether there is a God or not.'" (Jim Bernhard, Final Chapters: How Famous Author Died, p. 101) That's pretty hard-hearted, isn't it? Sometimes we see a cruel, spirit of "justice" like that even from many of God's people: "they got what they deserve," or "Let's give them what they deserve." (We need to be careful about that; we don't want God
to give US what WE deserve!) So God says, don't just love justice. Instead, He says, love GRACE. Love — enjoy — take delight — in treating people BETTER than they deserve!) So God says, don't just love justice. Instead, He says, love GRACE. Love — enjoy — take delight — in treating people BETTER than they deserve!)
Caesar's policy was that when he had conquered an enemy general, he would show him grace, and forgive him, in hopes of making him an ally. His people said he just LOVED showing grace to people that everyone said NOW he is
going to give them what they're due! — and he would defeat them again — and then forgive them again! One of his generals said: "Nothing was dearer to his heart than pardoning suppliants." (Stacy Schiff, Cleopatra: A Life, p. 30) Caesar just LOVED showing grace! That is how God says He wants US to be. Don't just relish doling out JUSTICE to
 people, instead, let's get a kick out of showing GRACE to them! Let's learn to enjoy treating people better than they deserve. "Love grace." Let's learn to say: — Yeah, they said some bad things about me. But I'm not going to speak ill of them. — Yes, they deserve
to be punished for this. But I'm not going to do it. — No, that person doesn't "deserve" for me to give them anything — but I'm going to give them something anyway. Let's learn to enjoy, NOT giving people what they deserve, but to relish showing them grace instead. "Love grace"! Now, someone might say, "Well, WHY should we do that? Why should
we treat people better than they deserve?" The #1 reason is: because that is what God did for YOU, if you are a Christian! See, none of us "deserve" to be a Christian, then you don't even know what a Christian is! Everything about being a
Christian is due to the mercy and grace of God, not anything we "deserve." — when God created us, He didn't create us as slaves, but as sons and daughters of God, made to delight in His presence and glory. That was grace! — Then when we sinned against Him, we should have been judged immediately and sent to hell, but we weren't — God showed
us mercy and grace instead. — And when there was no way for us to pay for our own sins, God sent Jesus to pay the price for our sins by dying on the cross, so that we could be forgiven. "By grace you are saved" Ephesians 2:8-9 says. We didn't deserve that incomparable sacrifice; it was all of His grace; we didn't deserve any of it. You are not saved
because you are better than anyone else, or because of anything you earned or deserved. The only reason you are a Christian, is only of God's grace. So now God says, if you have received My grace, then I want you to show much you appreciate it, by turning around and showing that same grace to others. LOVE grace. DELIGHT in being
gracious to people, and treating them better than they "deserve," because it reminds YOU that God has treated YOU better than you deserve — and it is also a witnesses to them of what God's grace is like. A couple of weeks ago our church prepared a chicken spaghetti meal for all the families and teachers who came to the "Meet The Teacher Night
at Angleton Christian School. Everyone was so appreciative of those meals. At one point I was walking around the booth area over at ACS, giving out flyers to families about the meal, and one woman was just astounded. She said, "Why would you give all of us a free meal?" I said, It's an extension of God's love. God showed His
love to us — and so we want to show His love to you, and we'll take care of your meal tonight! God's grace to US, is always the basis for the grace we show others. We reason we give OTHERS grace, is because God gave it to US first. God wants us to learn to delight in showing grace. "Love grace"! And let it remind us, and others, of the grace that
God first showed us. C. "Walk Humbly" with Him. He's specifically referring to our attitude towards GOD here: "Walk humbly with your GOD." Humility is one of the most important things God seeks from us. We read in Isaiah 66:2 this week where God says: "But to this one I will look, to him who is humble and contrite of spirit, and who trembles at
My word." As human beings, there are two basic responses; two basic attitudes we can have towards God: pride, or humility. We can either respond to God with pride, and say "I want to do what I want to do; I will be in charge of my own life;" OR we can respond with humility: "God made me; He knows best. I am not as smart as He is; I choose to
submit to Him and do His will." One or the other will be every person's basic response to God, and to His word: either pride, or humility. We see these two basic attitudes in the Luke 18 story of The Pharisee and the Publican. Both of these different attitudes toward God were on display here: — The Pharisee had an attitude of pride: "I thank You that I
am not like this other man; I fast twice a week; I pay tithes of all I get." He was so convicted of his sin that he couldn't even lift up his eyes towards heaven, but beat his chest and could only pray: "God be merciful to me, a
sinner." Two totally different responses to God: one of pride, the other humility. Some of us saw some different responses to Wing Josiah, the Bible says Josiah tore his clothes and was read to King Josiah, the Bible says Josiah tore his clothes and to King Josiah, the Bible says Josiah tore his clothes and to King Josiah tore his clothes and tor
responded with mourning and humility before God — and God used it to bring a revival in the land. — But after Josiah's son Jeohoiakim, and he took the scroll and cut it into pieces and threw it into the fire. Again, these men represent two totally different responses to God: one of humility,
and one of pride. God wants us to respond to Him in humility; to "tremble at His word." We have to humble ourselves before God in order to be saved in the first place. Jesus said, "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven." You have to admit your spiritual poverty before God — that you are a sinner, who can't save himself —
in order to be saved. That's why the Rich Young Ruler in Matthew 19 couldn't be saved. When Jesus told him to keep all the Commandments, he said "I've broken so many of those; Lord have mercy on me; I'm a sinner." THAT'S how we're saved: when we humble
ourselves before God and admit our sin, and then ask Him to forgive us through Jesus' death on the cross. But some people are not willing to do that. They don't want to humble themselves and ask forgiveness. What about you? Have you been willing to
admit you that you are a sinner before God, and ask Him to forgive you in Jesus' name? If you have, then you are saved. If you haven't, you are NOT saved. You've got to humble ourselves in our daily walk with Him. Continue
to admit that you need His help. One of the ways you do that, is when you pray. If you think about it, praying is a way of humbling yourself before God and saying, "God, I need Your help." The more you are admitting you need God's help. If you DON'T pray very often, you are basically saying you don't think you need God's help;
you've got this. And what a proud attitude that is! I remember when our boys were little; one of them was building something and he just couldn't do it; it was something that needed a grownup to help. But he just didn't want any of it. In his childish pride, he kept saying, NO! I can do it! Well, I KNEW he couldn't do it; it was something that needed a grownup to help. But he just didn't want any of it. In his childish pride, he kept saying, NO! I can do it! Well, I KNEW he couldn't do it; it was something that needed a grownup to help. But he just didn't want any of it. In his childish pride, he kept saying, NO! I can do it! Well, I KNEW he couldn't do it; it was something that needed a grownup to help. But he just didn't want any of it. In his childish pride, he kept saying and he just couldn't do it; it was something that needed a grownup to help. But he just didn't want any of it. In his childish pride, he kept saying and he just couldn't do it; it was something that needed a grownup to help. But he just didn't want any of it. In his childish pride, he kept saying and he just couldn't do it; it was something and he just couldn't do it.
trying to do it on his own, and kept messing it up, over and over, until I finally said; "Are you ready for me to help you yet?" And finally he did. I think that's a pretty good picture of where some of us are with God right now. In your pride you keep trying to make life work on your own, without God. And God's saying, I'm here to help. But you don't want
any of it. You're too proud to humble yourself; too proud to admit that you need God. But you keep messing things up. And today God is saying to you: "Are you ready for Me to help you yet?" Will you humble yourself, and admit that you need Me, and let Me help you?" THAT's the response, more than anything else, that God
 wants from you today: "walk humbly with your God." Admit that you need Him; admit that you need 
area of your life where you are not? Business, showing favoritism to friends ... — LOVE grace: many of us would say we need God's help in this: Ask Him to help you just LOVE showing grace — Walk humbly. Continually admit your need of Him. And if you've never done it before today, humble yourself and ASK HIM TO SAVE YOU FOR THE FIRST
TIME! Our role is not to complain about what today has brought or yesterday's disappointments. Regardless of what we see and what is before us, we are to cast a vision for a better tomorrow. Vision is simply a picture of the future that produces excitement and passion in those who embrace it—a vision for something more significant than ourselves
 We are to cast a vision of what tomorrow holds. A hopeful vision that can be seen in the imagination of others. I think about Martin Luther King Jr., who had a vision of a united America. I think about Thomas Jefferson, who was the author of the Declaration of Independence. I think of Winston Churchill, who had the vision to see victory when others
could not. I think about Nelson Mandela, who had the vision of a better South Africa. In each of those cases, the vision requires someone to believe in it. As men, we are to set the example. We are to believe what God has shown us. We are to believe that all things are
possible with God on our side. I am reminded of Nehemiah who was given a vision of rebuilding the walls, but it required him to believe. Every idea will only reach the world if someone chooses to believe. Every idea will only reach the world if someone who believe in what they
 were doing. As men, we are to look forward to the future continually. We must consistently move toward a better tomorrow even though a better tomorrow is not guaranteed. Casting vision is often much harder than retreating into a place of comfort, living only "for today," or "day by day." The vision in a man's heart will always set its sights on a
brighter tomorrow. A future worth fighting for. So take time to hear from God and cast a vision that will inspire, excite, and motivate people to action. Photo Credit: ©GettyImages/Design Pics When it comes to understanding what the Bible says God wants from us, there's no shortage of interpretations. But at its heart, the Good Book holds a simple
message: God desires our love and obedience. It's not about performing grand gestures or religious rituals; instead, it's about developing a genuine relationship with Him. Faithful folks may have stumbled upon this when reading passages like Micah 6:8 where it states, "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." It suggests that God yearns for us to be kind-hearted individuals who uphold justice and humility in our walk through life. Let's also peek into Deuteronomy 6:5 which commands: "Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength."
 Here again we see that foundational call for sincere affection towards Him. Showing this love isn't merely an emotional expression—it's a commitment that involves every aspect of our being. Understanding God's Expectations According to the BibleWhen it comes to understanding what God wants from us, the Bible serves as our guiding light. It
 explicitly outlines His desires and expectations for humanity. So buckle up folks, let's dive in and explore these profound teachings together. According to Deuteronomy 10:12-13, God's expectation is straightforward - He requires love, obedience, and reverence. He asks that we love Him with all our heart and soul, obey His commandments diligently
for our own good, and show reverence by walking in His ways. Quite simple isn't it?But wait a minute! There's more than meets the eye here. Another crucial aspect of God's desires can be found in Micah 6:8. Here's more than meets the eye here. Another crucial aspect of God's desires can be found in Micah 6:8. Here's more than meets the eye here. Another crucial aspect of God's desires can be found in Micah 6:8. Here's more than meets the eye here.
 walk humbly with your God". In other words, He expects us not only to observe justice but also show compassion towards others while remaining humble ourselves. It doesn't stop there though! According to Matthew 23:23 - "Woe unto you...for ye pay tithe...but have omitted...the weightier matters of the law..." For those unaware tithing means giving
one-tenth of one's income or possessions to the Church as an offering. This verse reveals that while these offerings are significant, they're not nearly as important as administering justice, showing mercy or staying faithful! An interesting statistic provided by Barna Group shows: American Christians Who TithePercentageRegular Churchgoers 68% Non-
Regular Churchgoers28%Despite this practice being widespread among American Christians (especially regular church-goers), Jesus emphasizes that tithing should never overshadow God's weightier laws. So, it's pretty clear. The Almighty isn't asking for the impossible. He desires love, justice, mercy and humility from us. Plus a sprinkle of
obedience! As we navigate through life's trials and tribulations, let's remember these divine expectations. They're not just instructions but stepping stones toward a fulfilling spiritual journey. Interpreting Biblical Passages about God's DesiresWhen it comes to understanding what God wants from us, the Bible is our primary source. It's a treasure trove
of wisdom and guidance. But let's admit it; interpreting biblical passages can be a bit tricky sometimes. That's where the role of theologians and scholars kicks in, helping us decode these timeless messages. First off, God desires relationship with his creations. In Genesis 3:8-9, it says that God walked in the Garden of Eden looking for Adam and Eve
after they ate from the forbidden tree. This passage indicates that God yearns for fellowship with us despite our missteps. Secondly, there's a recurring theme throughout the scripture - obedience. Deuteronomy 11:26-28 spells out clearly that blessings follow those who heed His commandments while curses come upon those who disobey. He doesn't
ask this out of whimsy but because obeying His laws leads to fruitful living. Moreover, love is at the core of what God wants from us. Matthew 22:37-39 tells us not just to love Him with all our heart, soul, and mind but also to love others as we love ourselves. These two commandments encapsulate everything else in the Bible. Lastly but certainly not
 least on our list is faithfulness - He calls on us to remain steadfast in our belief and trust in Him even when life gets tough or confusing. Hebrews 11:6 highlights how without faith it is impossible to please Him. So you see folks: Fellowship Obedience Love Faithfulness These are four key things that most biblical scholars agree that God desires from each
one of us according to scriptures. Remember though! While this interpretation helps guide our understanding, everyone can have unique insights into these texts due their personal experiences or spiritual journey! So keep reading and reflecting. How to Fulfill What God Wants from Us: Practical StepsFirst off, let's remember that the Bible teaches us
about love and kindness. It repeatedly mentions how important it is for us to love our neighbors. This isn't just about reaching out with compassion to everyone around us. We can make small changes in our daily lives that embody this principle. Maybe it's as simple as offering a helping hand when someone's
struggling with their groceries, or perhaps it involves volunteering at a local charity. Secondly, forgiveness often features heavily in Biblical teachings. We're encouraged not only to seek forgiveness from God but also to forgive others who may have wronged us. Holding onto grudges can be detrimental, both spiritually and emotionally. So if there's
somebody you've been harboring ill feelings towards, perhaps now could be the time for reconciliation. It won't always be easy - after all, we're human! But by putting in the effort and making these strides towards living more lovingly and forgivingly, you'll find yourself aligning more closely with what God wants from us according to Biblical
teachings. There's also an emphasis on faithfulness throughout the bible; staying true in your beliefs even when times are tough is a virtue celebrated by many religions worldwide - Christianity included! Whether you're facing personal struggles or societal pressures, maintaining steadfast faith is key. Lastly, don't forget humility! The Bible encourage
us not to think of ourselves too highly but instead approach life with modesty and respect for others. It might mean swallowing your pride sometimes or admitting when you've made a mistake - nobody said being humble was easy! So there we have it - practical steps towards fulfilling what God wants from us according to the Bible: practicing love and
kindness; offering forgiveness; staying faithful during trying times; embracing humility. Common Misconceptions About What God Expects from us. Let's clear some of them up, shall we? First off, many people think that God expects perfection
They're convinced He's up there with a celestial checklist, noting down every little slip-up and mistake. But that's simply not accurate! The Bible clearly states in Romans 3:23 that "all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God". So, He knows we're flawed beings; it's part and parcel of our human nature. Next on our misconception hit list is the
belief that God demands blind obedience without question or doubt. This couldn't be further from the truth. In fact, faith often grows through questioning and wrestling with doubts. Take for example Jacob in Genesis 32:22-32 - he literally wrestled with an angel (and by extension, God) all night! Another common misunderstanding is thinking that our
good deeds can earn us favor or salvation in God's eyes. This idea misses out on one crucial point: Ephesians 2:8-9 teaches us it's "by grace you have been saved through faith...not by works". It's not about how many good deeds we rack up; instead it's about accepting His gift of grace. Then there are folks who mistakenly believe they need to live a life of grace.
devoid of happiness or pleasure to be truly righteous before God. Talk about a joy killer! But Psalm 37:4 reads "Delight yourself in the Lord", which certainly doesn't sound like an invitation into dreariness. Finally, let's talk about those who feel they've strayed too far away for any chance at redemption. They've got this notion stuck in their heads that
God has given up on them - but nothing could be more wrong! In Luke 15:11-32, Jesus shares the parable of the prodigal son to illustrate God's ever-patient and forgiving nature. For least the simply asks for faith, humility, and a willingness to
 accept His grace. Conclusion: Embracing a Deeper Understanding of God's WillAt the end of the day, it's clear that what God wants from us isn't complicated. He seeks our love, obedience, and trust. Over time, these simple requests grow into a profound spiritual journey with countless blessings. Remember? The Bible repeatedly emphasizes that God
 desires our love above all else. It's stated in Matthew 22:37-39 - Jesus replied: 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your neighbor as yourself. He also asks for obedience. John 14:15 spells this out clearly when Jesus says, "If
you love me, keep my commands." Following God's teachings is one way we can show Him our devotion. Then there's trust - Proverbs 3:5-6 instructs us to "Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding." By surrendering control and placing faith in His plans for us, we demonstrate ultimate trust. Here's an easy-to-
digest summary: What Does God Want? Bible VerseLoveMatthew 22:37-39ObedienceJohn 14:15TrustProverbs 3:5-6Keep loving Him wholeheartedly. Stay obedient to His teachings. Continue trusting His plan. By embracing these truths found in scripture, anyone can deepen their understanding of what God truly wants from them. It might seem like a
tall order sometimes but remember - every step taken towards fulfilling these divine wishes brings you closer to experiencing His abundant grace! Your browser does not support JavaScript. Please note, our website requires JavaScript to be supported. Please contact us or click here to learn more about how to enable JavaScript on your browser.
Question Answer The people in the prophet Micah's day complained that God was never satisfied. They snidely asked, "Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rams, with the rams of rams of rams, with the rams of rams o
for nothing, and they, too, ask, "What does God want from me?" Jesus was asked once which commandment of the Law was the greatest. He answered, "Love the Lord your God with all your strength. There is no commandment of the Law was the greatest. He answered, "Love the Lord your from me?" Jesus was asked once which commandment of the Law was the greatest. He answered, "Love the Lord your from me?" Jesus was asked once which commandment of the Law was the greatest. He answered, "Love the Lord your from me?" Jesus was asked once which commandment of the Law was the greatest. He answered is a supplied to the Lord your from me?" Jesus was asked once which commandment of the Law was the greatest. He answered is a supplied to the Lord your from me?" Jesus was asked once which commandment of the Law was the greatest. He answered is a supplied to the Lord your from me?" Jesus was asked once which commandment of the Law was the greatest. He answered is a supplied to the Lord your from me?" Jesus was asked once which commandment of the Law was the greatest. He answered is a supplied to the Lord your from me?" Jesus was asked once which commandment of the Law was the greatest. He answered is a supplied to the Lord your from me?" Jesus was asked once which command with all your from me?" Jesus was asked once which a supplied to the Lord your from me?" Jesus was asked once which a supplied to the Lord your from me?" Jesus was asked once which a supplied to the Lord your from me?" Jesus was asked once which a supplied to the Lord your from me?" Jesus was asked once which a supplied to the Lord your from me?" Jesus was asked once which a supplied to the Lord your from me?" Jesus was asked once which a supplied to the Lord your from me?" Jesus was asked once which a supplied to the Lord your from me?" Jesus was asked once which a supplied to the Lord your from me?" Jesus was asked once which a supplied to the Lord your from me?" Jesus was asked once which a supplied to the Lord your from me?" Jesus was asked once which a supplie
greater than these" (Mark 12:30-32; cf. Matthew 22:37-39). What God wants is really quite simple: He wants us to trust in His Son as Savior and
Lord (Philippians 2:9-11). Second Peter 3:9 says, "The Lord . . . is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance." We come to know Jesus through repenting of our sin and accepting Him as our personal sacrifice (Romans 10:9; John 1:12). When Jesus' disciples asked Him to show them the Father, He replied,
 "Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father" (John 14:9). God wants us to know Him, and we can only know Him through Jesus. Next, God wants us to "become conformed to the image of His Son" (Romans 8:29). The Father wants all of His children to be like Jesus. He brings situations into our lives to refine us and chip away those flawed
characteristics that are in the way of our becoming who He designed us to be (Hebrews 12:7; James 1:12). As Jesus was obedient to the Father in everything, so the goal of every child of God should be to obey our Heavenly Father (John 8:29). First Peter 1:14-15 says, "As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in
ignorance. But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do." Many people, like the Pharisees in Jesus' day, try to put the external action before the inner heart change (Luke 11:42). They place all the focus on what they do rather than who they are. But, unless love for God is our motivation, outward displays of goodness only result in pride
and legalism. Neither pleases God. When we surrender ourselves totally to Him, His Holy Spirit empowers us to love God fully and serve Him from the right motive. True service and holiness are simply the outworking of the Spirit, the overflowing of a life dedicated to the glory of God. When our focus is on loving God rather than simply serving Him,
we end up doing both. If we skip the relationship, our service is of no use and benefits nothing (1 Corinthians 13:1-2). The prophet Micah responded to the Israelites' complaint that they didn't know what God wanted from them. The prophet says, "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?" (Micah 6:8, ESV). God's desire for us is very simple. People complicate things, tacking on rules and man-made laws that ensure frustration and kill the joy in following Christ (2 Corinthians 3:6). God wants us to love Him with all our hearts and let our obedience stem from a heartfelt desire to be
pleasing in His sight. David understood what God wanted when he prayed, "You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings. My sacrifice, or I would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings. My sacrifice, or I would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings. My sacrifice, or I would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings. My sacrifice, or I would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings. My sacrifice, or I would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings. My sacrifice, or I would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings. My sacrifice, or I would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings. My sacrifice, or I would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.
from me? As Micah wraps up his prophecy to the people of Israel, he slips in a profound thought. In one short sentence he tells what God requires of his people. It's startling but profound thought. In one short sentence he tells what God requires of his people. It's startling but profound thought. In one short sentence he tells what God requires of his people. It's startling but profound thought. In one short sentence he tells what God requires of his people. It's startling but profound thought. In one short sentence he tells what God requires of his people. It's startling but profound thought. In one short sentence he tells what God requires of his people. It's startling but profound thought. In one short sentence he tells what God requires of his people. It's startling but profound thought. In one short sentence he tells what God requires of his people. It's startling but profound thought. In one short sentence he tells what God requires of his people. It's startling but profound thought. In one short sentence he tells what God requires of his people. It's startling but profound thought. In one short sentence he tells what God requires of his people. It's startling but profound thought. In one short sentence he tells what God requires of his people. It's startling but profound thought.
theology, or obey a bunch of rules. Yet these are some of the many things we put great importance on today. We focus on these elements—and others like them—at the expense of what God requires. What does God require from us? He wants us to act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with him (Micah 6:8). We often hear the word justice, but we
don't often hear of acting justly. What does justly mean? Here are some ideas. To act justly we should: be honorable and fair in how we deal with others, behave morally (that is, righteous), and do all things properly. Does this sound a lot like Jesus? It's what he taught and how he acted. Yet we often forget to behave this way in our own lives. Instead
we get caught up chasing secondary pursuits and even focusing on goals that don't matter in God's perspective. Another thing God requires is that we love mercy. This goes beyond mercy but do so in the begrudging way. Their attitude is wrong. Though they show mercy,
they don't love it. In fact, they may hate it. God wants us to love showing mercy to others. Isn't that what he does for us? Shouldn't we follow his example and do it for others? Humility is no longer an esteemed characteristic. In truth most people look down on the humble and
dismiss them. Instead society embraces the bold, egotistical, and controversial. However, in God's kingdom, this is the wrong perspective. God requires us to walk humbly with him. And when we walk humbly with him, the natural outgrowth is humility toward others. Though Micah directs these expectations of what God requires to the nation of
Israel, these points are consistent with his character and more broadly applicable to us. Yet these fall short of a command for us to obey today. Even so we are well advised to act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with God. If God expected his people to do this thousands of years ago, is there any reason he doesn't expect it from us today? [Read
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