

Micah Chapter One Part One – Homework

1:1a “The Word Came to Micah”

The Word comes in a living and specific way to us and a certain time in our life in regards to bringing forth... the Word comes to inhabit us, to fill us, to be sown into our land and bring forth a harvest of the Son. Christ as our Life.

- When the Word of God comes to us, in a class, by the Spirit... in a service, by the Spirit... in the Word by the Spirit,... it is coming with a specific purpose and that is not to teach or equip but to dwell.
 - How can I prepare my heart to receive the Word in this way and my ears to hear the Word in this way?
- The Word came TO MICAH. It is coming to you... to me. God is sending forth His living Word in Spirit and Life to us because He wants His Son to dwell in us.
 - Explain what this prayer means in your story; the prayer that Mary prayed when about to conceive the Son by the Holy Spirit - “BE it unto me according to Thy Word”?

1:1b “which he saw”

We need to see what God is saying. We do not need to learn or even understand. We need to see the Word, to behold the Father’s heart for His Son. To behold the Lamb and drink in His Spirit. Hebrew is a visual language, unlike the Greek. God used a visual language along with real life stories in the OT to draw our attention that we need to see the Lord.. and see Him so deeply that He becomes real in our story as our Life. Another way of saying this is that we need to see the Lord so that we can be changed into His image and bring forth the Son in our attitudes and nature... as our Life!

- How can we approach the Word of God in new ways to SEE what it says so He can Be sown into us as Life?

1:2c “hearken O earth and all that is therein is”

HE IS SPEAKING TO WHAT IS IN THE EARTH!

The verse specifies exactly HOW the earth is to hear this word that Micah is bringing: “HEARKEN earth and ALL THAT IS IN IT”. *II Corinthians 4:7 defines us as the earthen vessel and Christ in us as the treasure. Isaiah 45:18 For thus saith the LORD that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited: I am the LORD; and there is none else.*

The Lord is coming to show something and say something to the earth and what it is full of. God purposed that the earth would be filled with the glory of God (Christ in you – Col. 1:27). That we as earthen vessels would contain the Son.

He is speaking specifically to Judah and Israel and using the imagery of their two capital cities to communicate the burden of His heart based on their state.

He is not speaking to their doctrine, ministry, religious buildings and order, all of which came down from God. He is speaking to WHAT THEY ARE FULL OF and governed by.

Are they full of His Son?

Have they brought forth His Son?

- How can we personally “Hearken O earth and all that fills it”?
- In what ways will this help our hearts be more sensitive to the nature and spirit of Christ that we are full of or the lack thereof?
- What is the difference between correct doctrines and ministry works and an earth full of the wrong spirit, devoid of the true Son?

1:2c “and LET the Lord God BE witness against you, the Lord from His Holy Temple”

- Do we LET God who is One be a witness against us? Against what fills us?

1:3 For, behold, the Lord cometh forth out of his place, and will come down, and tread upon the high places of the earth.

The Lord is treading upon the high places. The places that have rose in another image and brought forth another spirit, formed in another government than the first born Son. They show forth themselves in their risings... in pride, etc. He comes down to remove that which is not the comings forth in sacrifice of His Son.

- Do we appreciate the care of the Lord in coming forth to help remove all that hinders us from being truly full of Jesus in His Lamb nature?