Micah 6:8; A Humble Walk

Dear Culture Contrarians,

Micah parallels Romans in a number of ways. He embraces justification by faith, stresses the salvation of the Remnant, and describes what Godly living looks like. In Micah chapter 6, there is a discussion between God and His people. It is not His fault that they have rejected Him—He has done many amazing things to draw them to Himself (Micah 6:1-5).

He does not want spectacular, sacrificial acts from us (6:6-7), but He does want our fellowship (6:8).

There are songs about this verse: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CIJIqwCIPcw>. I recommend the song as it will help fix the message in our minds; perhaps some biblical exegesis will as well!

“He has reported to you, man, what (is) good, and what Yahweh is seeking (the participle indicates an on-going desire) from you.” The conjunctives that are put together next seem to indicate that what follows is **all** that God wants from us. Keil & Delitzsch translate this as “namely, above all things;” so this is important!

“To do justice and to do love of mercy.” “Mercy” is that famous O.T. word that parallels “grace” in the N.T. Translated it means “Loyal love, unfailing kindness, love or affection that is steadfast….” We humans rarely get this right. We are all about justice, or we are all about mercy. God wants us all about both.

Since our Heavenly Father is the only one who always gets the appropriate balance between justice and mercy, Micah adds “and to walk humbly with your God.”

God does not want some spectacular deed done in His name; He wants our fellowship as we try and sort out the balance between justice and mercy.

My love to you all,