

Complete Trust In God

Intro: Apparently Micah is nearing the end of his life and looks back at his life as a prophet to the people and realizes that the people are still wicked. No one in Judah is righteous, no one can be trusted. He also realizes the hope that is found in God. Deliverance will belong to them if they will put their complete trust in God. This brings us to our text for this study; Micah 7:7 “Therefore I will look unto the LORD; I will wait for the God of my salvation: my God will hear me.” Micah sets forth three great principles for our consideration.

I. FAITH.

A. “I will look unto the Lord.”

B. Man cannot look to himself.

1. Pro. 14:12 “¹² There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof *are* the ways of death.”
2. Jer. 10:23 “²³ O LORD, I know that the way of man *is* not in himself; *it is* not in man that walketh to direct his steps.”
3. The ways of God are not the ways of man; Isa. 55:8-9 “⁸ For my thoughts *are* not your thoughts, neither *are* your ways my ways, saith the LORD. ⁹ For *as* the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.”

C. We must put our faith, trust in God.

1. Pro. 3:5-6 “⁵ Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. ⁶ In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.”
2. Psa. 37:3-5 “³ Trust in the LORD, and do good; *so* shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed. ⁴ Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart. ⁵ Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in him; and he shall bring *it* to pass.”
3. In putting our faith in God, we look to His Word for our direction.
 - a. 1 Cor. 2:11-13 “¹¹ For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. ¹² Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. ¹³ Which things also we speak, not in the words which man’s wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.”
 - b. The apostles received that word directly.
 - c. They wrote that word; 2 The. 2:15 “¹⁵ Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle.”
 - d. When we read and study the Bible we learn the way of God.
 - (1) Eph. 3:3-4 “³ How that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery; (as I wrote afore in few words, ⁴ Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ)”
 - (2) That is why we must study the Scriptures; 2 Tim. 2:15 “¹⁵ Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”
4. Then we must live according to those precepts in the Bible.

II. PATIENCE.

A. "I will wait for the God of my salvation."

B. Many times we fail to wait for God to act.

1. Scriptures encourage us to wait upon God.
 - a. Psa. 27:14 ¹⁴ "Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord."
 - b. Psa. 37:7, 34 ⁷ "Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for him: fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass.... ³⁴ Wait on the Lord, and keep his way, and he shall exalt thee to inherit the land: when the wicked are cut off, thou shalt see *it*."
 - c. Pro. 20:22 ²² "Say not thou, I will recompense evil; *but* wait on the Lord, and he shall save thee."
 - d. Isa. 30:18 ¹⁸ "And therefore will the Lord wait, that he may be gracious unto you, and therefore will he be exalted, that he may have mercy upon you: for the Lord *is* a God of judgment: blessed *are* all they that wait for him."
2. Jonah ran ahead of God regarding Nineveh.
 - a. Jonah wanted God to destroy Nineveh when he preached to them, instead of sparing them.
 - b. Nahum preached the message Jonah wanted to preach.
 - c. God destroyed Nineveh at 612 BC, about 150 to 160 years after Jonah preached.

C. Within the context.

1. Destruction was coming upon the Israelite nation.
2. Those who placed complete trust in God were promised deliverance.
3. However, they would have to wait for God's time.
4. Christians are persecuted and seek deliverance and the avenging of their persecutions.
 - a. 2 Tim. 3:12 ¹² "Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution."
 - b. Rev. 6:9-10 ⁹ "And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held: ¹⁰ And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?"
 - c. God will take vengeance
 - (1) Rom. 12:19 ¹⁹ "Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but *rather* give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance *is* mine; I will repay, saith the Lord."
 - (2) Heb. 10:30 ³⁰ "For we know him that hath said, Vengeance *belongeth* unto me, I will recompense, saith the Lord. And again, The Lord shall judge his people."
 - (3) 2 The. 1:6-9 ⁶ "Seeing *it is* a righteous thing with God to recompense tribulation to them that trouble you; ⁷ And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, ⁸ In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: ⁹ Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power;"

III. HOPE.

A. "God will hear me."

B. Those who place their trust in God and wait for Him have hope.

1. God will hear their prayers.
 - a. Pro. 15:29 ²⁹ "The Lord *is* far from the wicked: but he heareth the prayer of the righteous."
 - b. 1 Pet. 3:12 ¹² "For the eyes of the Lord *are* over the righteous, and his ears *are open* unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord *is* against them that do evil."
 - c. Jam. 5:16 ¹⁶ "Confess *your* faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."
 - d. 1 John 3:22 ²² "And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight."
2. Of deliverance.
 - a. John 14:1-3 ¹ "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. ² In my Father's house are many mansions: if *it were* not *so*, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, *there* ye may be also."
 - b. Rev. 14:13 ¹³ "And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed *are* the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them."

Conclusion: When we put our complete trust in God, then we have these great promises of hope. However, we must learn to wait for God and not try to run ahead of God and His plans, as did Jonah.