January 9, 2019

**God Most Holy**

Micah 1

*Primary themes of Micah: Justice, sin, judgment, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

LISTEN (1-2)

1. God is Judge, Plaintiff, and Witness – perfectly holy, just, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. Hear, O Israel - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ & live (Deut. 4:1, 6:4-9)
3. Lord God is our Sovereign Lord
   1. Sovereign authority
   2. Covenant-keeping faithfulness (Deut. 7:9)

LEVELED & LAID BARE (3-7)

1. God is high and holy; infinitely \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ than the created universe
2. Judgment is certain and necessary

LAMENT (8-9)

1. First response to sin
2. Incurable wound – fleeting, foolish, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
   1. Sin is infectious and toxic; its goal is destruction
   2. Be sober-minded and watchful (1 Peter 5:8-9)

LOWER (10-16)

1. Misplaced \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, hope, and identity
2. “Beginning of sin” (Ps. 51)
3. Opportunity to worship God in humility and receive His grace

*Ponder & Pray:*

1. Do I worship God rightly for His holiness, steadfast love, justice, and mercy?
2. How can I discern, expose, and destroy the idols in my heart?
3. In what ways could I saturate myself in the gospel this week?

“Be killing sin or it will be killing you.” –John Owen

*Homework for Micah 2-3:*

1. Make a list of the sins committed in chapters 2-3.
2. Where does the tone finally shift to one of hope in these two chapters?
3. Micah 3:1 marks the second call to “hear.” Who is God addressing this time and what have they done? See Micah 3:1-4, 9-11.
4. Read and reflect on Psalm 97. How does this psalm parallel where we came from in Micah 1 and now see in chapters 2 and 3?
5. Memorize and meditate on Micah 2:13.