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STUDY FOR SERMON FROM 2.19.23

SUMMARY

As we enter the second chapter of Micah's message, the tone is equally as sharp as that of chapter one. However, as is the job of the prophet, Micah provides a detailed critique of the wrongdoings of the people of God and then begins to detail the judgment to follow. The nature of the misconduct centers around the theft of land and property; the wealthy and powerful were stealing the land from the weak and poor. When the people of God entered the land the Lord's promised to them, there was an allotment of land (which is ultimately God's land) to every household. This allotment was a means of providing for not only the first generation who received it but also for the household's generations to follow. As a result of this thievery from God and man, Micah began to detail the judgment to follow, which centered around neighboring nations who would invade the land and take it from God's people. While this judgment was primarily due to the injustice of the powerful's actions toward the weak, the judgment would impact everyone in the land. Micah's pronouncement is indicative of the fact that none are without sin and therefore subject to the Lord's justice; however, he also assures those who refrain from injustice will receive portions of land reflective of the original allotment (v. 5). The Lord's judgment is accompanied by mercy. In verses 6-11, the accused refutes Micah's message; self-deceived, they believed they were living in accord with God's will, not believing God would ever turn the land of God's people over to neighboring pagan nations. Despite their stubborn, unrepentant nature, this passage doesn't close without hope. Verses 12-13 speak to a future removal of sin, preservation, and deliverance of a remnant. Micah speaks this message to the people of Judah and Israel but also foreshadows the work of Christ, who removes sin, preserves, and delivers his people.

GROUP QUESTIONS

From the sermon or your direct reading of Micah 2:1-13, share something that surprises, encourages, or troubles you.

Though God centers his judgment on the injustice that occurred at the time, it impacted everyone in the land. What does this teach us about the nature of sin?

God's wrath is accompanied by mercy. How does this principle correlate with your salvation? How might this affect the way you share the gospel with others?

If there's one thing Jesus would want you to walk away believing and receiving as a result of this portion of Scripture, what is that thing?

CLOSE IN PRAYER

As you pray, be sure to include today's themes in what you bring before God.