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whose origin is from of old,
from ancient days.

Micah 2:10-11

Arise and go, for this is no place to rest,
because of uncleanness that destroys
with a grievous destruction.

If a man should go about and utter wind and lies,
saying, “I will preach to you
of wine and strong drink,”

he would be the preacher for this people!

Micah 3:8

But as for me, I am filled with power,
with the Spirit of the LORD,
and with justice and might,
to declare to Jacob his transgression
and to Israel his sin.

Micah 6:1-2

Hear what the LORD says:

“Arise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.

“Hear, you mountains,
the indictment of the LORD,
and you enduring foundations of the earth,
for the LORD has an indictment
against his people,
and he will contend with Israel.”

Micah 6:3-5

“O my people, what have I done to you?
How have I wearied you? Answer me!
For I brought you up from the land of Egypt
and redeemed you from the house of slavery,
and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.

“O my people, remember
what Balak king of Moab devised,
and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him,
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know
the saving acts of the LORD.”

Micah 6:6-7

With what shall I come before the LORD,
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?

Will the LORD be pleased
with thousands of rams,
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?

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1 Samuel 15:22

And Samuel said,
“Has the LORD as great delight
in burnt offerings and sacrifices,
as in obeying the voice of the LORD?
Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice,
and to listen than the fat of rams.”

Isaiah 1:11-17

What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices?
says the LORD; I have had enough
of burnt offerings of rams
and the fat of well-fed beasts;
I do not delight in the blood of bulls,
or of lambs, or of goats.

When you come to appear before me,
who has required of you this trampling
of my courts?
Bring no more vain offerings;
incense is an abomination to me.

New moon and Sabbath
and the calling of convocations –
I cannot endure iniquity and solemn assembly.
Your new moons and your appointed feasts
my soul hates;
they have become a burden to me;
I am weary of bearing them.
When you spread out your hands,
I will hide my eyes from you;
even though you make many prayers,
I will not listen; your hands are full of blood.

Isaiah 1:11-17

Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean;
remove the evil of your deeds from before my eyes;
cease to do evil, learn to do good;
seek justice, correct oppression;
bring justice to the fatherless,
plead the widow's cause.

Amos 5:21-24

I hate, I despise your feasts,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
Even though you offer me your burnt offerings
and grain offerings, I will not accept them;
and the peace offerings of your fattened animals,
I will not look upon them.

Take away from me the noise of your songs;
to the melody of your harps I will not listen.
But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.”

Matthew 23:23-24

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For you tithe mint and dill and cumin, and
have neglected the weightier matters of the law:
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WHAT IS JUSTICE

Mishpat = judgments, justice, just, Judgment

Judgments - rules, decisions, according to law

Justice

- the administration of the law
- conforming to the law (“legal”)
- the quality of being just (“fair”)
- conforming to truth, reason (“right”)
- the rendering unto each what is due
- thus, what is *legal, right, fair, due*

JUSTICE

The reign of God brought to bear on earth,
however dimly, however imperfectly,
through the obedience of his people.

Love in action!
bearing and sharing
caring for the weak and the vulnerable
not transgressing God's moral laws
seeking, loving, and doing good

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Matthew 9:13

“Go and learn what this means,
‘I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.’
For I came not to call the righteous,
but sinners.”

Micah 5:2-5

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who are too little to be among the clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to be ruler in Israel,
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And he shall stand and shepherd his flock
in the strength of the LORD,
in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.
And they shall dwell secure,
for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth.
And he shall be their peace.

Micah 4:1-7

It shall come to pass in the latter days
that the mountain of the house of the LORD
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and it shall be lifted up above the hills;
and peoples shall flow to it,
and many nations shall come, and say:
“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the house of the God of Jacob,
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.”

Micah 4:1-7

For out of Zion shall go forth the law,
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.
He shall judge between many peoples,
and shall decide for strong nations afar off;
and they shall beat their swords into plowshares,
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war anymore;
but they shall sit every man under his vine
and under his fig tree,
and no one shall make them afraid,
for the mouth of the LORD of hosts has spoken.

Micah 4:1-7

For all the peoples walk each in the name of its god,
but we will walk in the name of the LORD our God
forever and ever.

In that day, declares the LORD,
I will assemble the lame and gather those
who have been driven away and those
whom I have afflicted;
and the lame I will make the remnant,
and those who were cast off, a strong nation;
and the LORD will reign over them in Mount Zion
from this time forth and forevermore.

Micah 2:12-13

I will surely assemble all of you, O Jacob;
I will gather the remnant of Israel;
I will set them together like sheep in a fold,
like a flock in its pasture, a noisy multitude of men.
He who opens the breach goes up before them;
they break through and pass the gate,
going out by it.

Their king passes on before them,
the LORD at their head.

Malachi 4:2

But for you who revere my name,
the sun of righteousness will rise
with healing in its wings.

And you will go out
and leap like calves
released from the stall.

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Psalm 51:10-17

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with a willing spirit.

Then I will teach transgressors your ways,
and sinners will return to you.

Psalm 51:10-17

Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God,
O God of my salvation, and my tongue
will sing aloud of your righteousness.

O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth will declare your praise.

For you will not delight in sacrifice,
or I would give it;
you will not be pleased with a burnt offering.
The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God,
you will not despise.

Micah 7:1-2

Woe is me! For I have become
as when the summer fruit has been gathered,
as when the grapes have been gleaned:
there is no cluster to eat,
no first-ripe fig that my soul desires.
The godly has perished from the earth,
and there is no one upright among mankind;
they all lie in wait for blood,
and each hunts the other with a net.

Micah 7:7-8

But as for me, I will look to the LORD;
I will wait for the God of my salvation;
my God will hear me.

Rejoice not over me, O my enemy;
when I fall, I shall rise;
when I sit in darkness,
the LORD will be a light to me.