

Commentary on Micah Chapter 7 by Chuck Smith 5.29.24

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May memory verse Romans 6:8 (NKJV)

Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him,

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The prophet said,

Woe is me! for I am as when they have gathered the summer fruits, as the grape gleanings of the vintage: there is no cluster to eat: my soul desires the first ripe fruit (Mic 7:1).

I'm desolate. I really don't have anything.

The good man is perished out of the earth: and there is no upright men left: they all lie in wait for blood; they hunt every man his brother with a net. That they may do evil with both hands earnestly, the prince asked, and the judges take bribes (Mic 7:2-3);

The princes are asking for and the judges are receiving bribes.

and the great man, he uttered his mischievous desire: so they wrap it up for him (Mic 7:3).

Because of his prominence and all, he gets whatever he wants, just whatever his mischievous desires are, wrap it up and give it to him.

The best of them is as a brier: and the most upright is sharper than the thorn hedge: the day of thy watchmen and thy visitation is coming; now will be their perplexity (Mic 7:4).

Your day is coming. You may be flaunting the law of God now, but your day is coming.

Trust not in the friends, don't put your confidence in the guides: keep the doors of your mouth from her that lies at your bosom. For the son will dishonor the father,

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and the daughter will rise up against her mother, the daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and a man's enemies will be those of his own house (Mic 7:5-6).

Jesus quoted that.

Therefore I will look unto the LORD; I will wait for the God of my salvation: my God will hear me (Mic 7:7).

The whole situation is so desperate, so totally void of God's work or power or love, mercy and grace and truth. My only hope, I will look for the Lord. "I will wait for the God of my salvation: my God will hear me."

Rejoice not against me, O mine enemy: for when I fall, I shall arise; when I sit in darkness, the LORD will be a light unto me. For I will bear the indignation of the LORD (Mic 7:8-9),

The indignation is always a reference in the Old Testament to the tribulation period that will come. That great period of God's indignation upon the earth and Israel will go through it. I will endure.

I will bear the indignation of the LORD, because I have sinned against him, until he pleads my cause, and he executes judgment for me: for he will bring me forth to the light, and I shall behold his righteousness (Mic 7:9).

And all Israel shall be saved, for as the scripture declares, "A deliverer shall come forth out of Zion who will turn the hearts of children to their fathers." And that glorious day when Zion travails and brings forth through her prayers the return of Jesus Christ.

Then she that is mine enemy shall see it, and shame shall cover her which said unto me, Where is Yahweh your God? mine eyes shall behold her: now shall she be trodden down as the mire of the streets [that is my enemies]. And in the day that your walls are to be built, in the day shall the decree be far removed. In that day also he shall come even to thee from Assyria, and from the fortified cities, and from the fortress even to the river, and from sea to sea, and from mountain to mountain. Notwithstanding, the land shall be desolate because of them that dwell therein, for the fruit of their doings. Feed thy people with thy rod, the flock of thine heritage, which dwell solitarily in the wood, and in the midst of Carmel: let them feed in Bashan and Gilead, as in the days of old. According to the days of thy coming out of the land of Egypt will I show unto him the marvellous things (Mic 7:10-15).

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Even as when God delivered them and preserved them and parted the Red Sea. So, again, God is going to work among the people with marvelous miracles.

The nations shall see and be confounded at all their might (Mic 7:16):

When God destroys the invading armies of Russia. He said, "Then I will be sanctified before the nations of the world and they will know that I am God." As He works even as He did in delivering them from Egypt.

and they shall lay their hand upon their mouth, their ears shall be deaf. They shall lick the dust like a serpent, they shall move out of their holes like worms of the earth (Mic 7:16-17):

During the Great Tribulation period they're going to cry unto the rocks and mountains and say, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of the Lamb for the day of His wrath is come" (Revelation 6:16-17).

they shall be afraid of the LORD our God, and shall fear because of him. Who is a God (Mic 7:17-18)

I like this.

Who is a God like unto thee, that pardons iniquity, and passes by the transgression [overlooks our transgressions] of the remnant of his heritage? he retains not his anger for ever, because he delights in mercy (Mic 7:17-18).

So God is going to take these people back. They are still His people. He still says, "My people." He is still going to deal with them and restore them unto Himself.

He will turn again, and he will have compassion upon us [referring to the nation of Israel]; he will subdue our iniquities; and he will cast out their sins into the depths of the sea. Thou wilt perform the truth to Jacob, and the mercies to Abraham, which you have sworn unto our fathers (Mic 7:19-20)

God, You'll keep Your word,

which you swore to our fathers in days of old (Mic 7:20).

The confidence of the prophet in the Word of God; He will surely do it. And it will surely happen. What a glorious God who is a pardoning God like Thee who will overlook the transgressions and will again restore favor and glory upon His people, for He delights in mercy.

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Shall we pray.

Father, we thank You for such a God that we have that You delight in mercy. That You are not willing, Lord, that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. Thus You have dealt with us with such patience and with such long suffering and such gentleness as You, Lord, with cords of love have drawn us to Yourself that we might know fellowship with Thee; that beautiful sweet communion with God. Oh Lord, how we have benefited from our relationship with You. What blessings and glory it has brought into our lives to walk with You. God, help us through the power of Your Holy Spirit, through the indwelling presence of Christ. Help us, Lord, to be all that You want us to be and to do that which is pleasing in Your sight. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

May the Lord be with you and give you a beautiful week. May He watch over you, and protect and shield you from the evil that is so prevalent in this world in which we live. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and just that beautiful sweet communion of the Holy Spirit rest and abide upon your heart and your life all week long as you live with Him and for Him.