



SERMON NOTES

When GOOD is Great

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God doesn't call us to be great; God calls us to be good.

Important Principle: Past results do not always predict _____ performance.

Micah 6:8 (NKJV)

8 He has shown you, O man, what is good; And what does the LORD require of you But to do justly, To love mercy, And to walk humbly with your God?

Important Principle: Greatness is contingent upon _____ over time.

Micah 6:1-7, "Listen to what the LORD is saying: "Stand up and state your case against me. Let the mountains and hills be called to witness your complaints.

2 And now, O mountains, listen to the LORD's complaint! He has a case against his people. He will bring charges against Israel.

3 "O my people, what have I done to you? What have I done to make you tired of me? Answer me!

4 For I brought you out of Egypt and redeemed you from slavery. I sent Moses, Aaron, and Miriam to help you.

5 Don't you remember, my people, how King Balak of Moab tried to have you cursed and how Balaam son of Beor blessed you instead? And remember your journey from Acacia Grove to Gilgal, when I, the LORD, did everything I could to teach you about my faithfulness."

6 What can we bring to the LORD? What kind of offerings should we give him? Should we bow before God with offerings of yearling calves?

7 Should we offer him thousands of rams and ten thousand rivers of olive oil? Should we sacrifice our firstborn children to pay for our sins?"

How do we measure goodness?

1. J_____

The Hebrew word mispat refers to God's order for all of life.

2. M_____

The Hebrew word hesed is sometimes translated as "kindness" or "mercy," but it is primarily a word connected to covenant faithfulness to God and to others.

3. H_____

The Hebrew word sana means more than simple modesty and humility, however. It implies attentiveness or paying attention to God.

After crosses and losses, men grow humbler and wiser.

Benjamin Franklin (1706-1790)