



MICAH 2:1-5

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NO EVIL PLOT CAN SUCCEED

In the heroic movies, we often see how the evil character or the antagonist plots how to defeat the heroes. They refuse to eat or sleep before they come up with a scheme to get rid of the heroes! However, at the end of the movie, the enemy will always be the one who loses the battle. The heroes always come out as the winner.

God told Micah that the wicked people who plan evil things on others will always bring trouble upon themselves because God is the all-knowing all-powerful God.

How evil works is like those bad characters in the movie. The devil plots so many scheming plans to ruin God's children's lives. They want the worst upon God's believers. This is why it is important to always include prayer, praise and worship and reading the Bible in our daily plan so that evil cannot take control of us. Rely on God and believe that no evil plot has a chance to succeed upon you.

Key verse:

*Micah 2:1a
Trouble will come to those who make plans to sin.*

Prayer

Dear God, I thank You for Your promise of protection from all the evil plans plotted against Your purposes in my life. I rebuke them in Jesus' name. Amen.





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MICAH 6:8-9

GOD'S DESIRE

God told Micah what He desired from His people. It was not 1,000 male sheep nor 10,000 rivers of oil. He was not pleased with merely young calves as burnt offerings. God desired His people to act justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly with Him.

To act justly means to live with a sense of understanding of what is right and what is wrong, and to treat everyone fairly, not plotting unfairness towards others.

To love mercy means to have loving-kindness towards others. God would expect us to show love and compassion to others, especially those who are in need, and also those who have hurt us in the past.

To walk humbly with God means to depend on God more than on our own capability, and to admit that He is the all-powerful God.

Let us submit fully to His will, pursue His heart and desire. Let's act justly, love mercy and walk with God with a humble heart.

Key verse:

*Micah 6:8b
And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.*

Prayer

Dear God, it is my desire to walk humbly before You all the days of my life. Give me strength to always act justly. Give me a heart full of mercy to others. Amen.





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MICAH 7:15-20

SEA OF FORGETFULNESS

What is the sea of forgetfulness? The sea of forgetfulness represents a place where our sins are sent very far away to the unreachable place, like what is written in Micah 7:19. The sins are being buried at the bottom of the ocean. The bottom of the ocean is dark, unreachable and forgotten.

Micah's message is not only for the Israelites, but also for you and me. God has forgiven us. Let us receive His forgiveness wholeheartedly. We should never allow the sins we have been forgiven of to continue to haunt us. When your sinful past triggers your heart, remember that God's forgiveness and love are greater than the condemnation in your heart.

Let go of the sins of which you have been forgiven and move towards a bright future God has stored for you. Do not continue to search the sea for your sins. May God bless you as you go and may you continue to grow in His direction.

Key verse:

*Micah 7:19
He will come back and comfort us again. He will throw all our sins into the deep sea.*

Prayer

Dear God, thank You for the forgiveness that sets me free. I'm running towards my future that You have prepared for me. Amen.





NAHUM 1:1-7

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SAFE IN GOD!

Nineveh. Sounds familiar? We just read and learnt about it last week from the book of Jonah! The book of Nahum writes about what happened to Nineveh 150 years after Jonah's preaching in that city. Sadly, the people of Nineveh went back to their wicked and evil life. In fact, it was worse than before! Because of this, God showed a vision to Nahum that God was going to punish Nineveh.

Nineveh's fall was inevitable. The city had gone too far and crossed too many boundaries. The time for mercy was over and the time for justice had begun.

However, in the midst of God's wrath, He still reminded His people that He gave protection to those who believed in Him. How blessed we are to have a God who is always ready to protect those who seek Him with all their heart despite the wickedness done by other people around them.

When the situation around us is so messy, horrible and evil, do not panic. Find God and ask for His protection! When we take refuge in God, we are safe because He is a great God.

Key verse:

*Nahum 1:7
The Lord is good. He gives protection in times of trouble. He knows who trusts in Him.*

Prayer

Dear God, Your protection upon me is perfect and nothing can ever bring me down. I am always safe in Your hands. Amen.





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HABAKKUK 1:1-5

Q & A SESSION WITH GOD

Questions are a natural part of life. You ask a question because you do not understand something and you want to understand it! Naturally, you ask a question to someone you are comfortable with.

The prophet Habakkuk is known as a prophet who enjoyed having a 'Question and Answer' session with God. He felt comfortable speaking and asking questions to God. He saw God as his best friend. Habakkuk was not only pouring his heart, his sorrow and feeling. He was not only asking God questions. He actually demanded answers from God and God answered him.

Just like your parents who like to hear your questions, God would love to receive questions from you as well. God allows His children to respectfully speak up and share their heart and thought with Him. God listens with full attention.

God sees your questions and He answers with His own unique ways. Ask God questions through prayer and be ready for the answer, kids!

Key verse:

*Habakkuk 1:5b
I will do
something in
your lifetime
that will amaze
you.*

Prayer

*Dear God, give
me a heart that
longs to seek
more of You.
Thank You that
I can talk to You
in my prayer
anytime and
anywhere. Amen.*





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HABAKKUK 2:1-4

WRITING THINGS DOWN

Writing down means recording something in written form. We usually write down important information that we might need to remember in the future. Writing things down will serve as a reference for things that we may forget.

God instructed Habakkuk to write down everything that he saw and heard so that others could come to know about God's messages.

Writing things down is a great way to celebrate what God has done in our life. Some people have used their notes or letters as written testimonies that have been used to help countless people in their relationship with God or their families.

Writing things down can show evidence of our growth. You might write down a goal or dream for this year and then you can look back at it next year and see how God helps you accomplish that goal. It's a great way to highlight and remember God's wonderful work in your life.

Key verse:

*Habakkuk 2:2
Write down
what I show you.
Write it clearly
on stone tablets
so whoever
reads it can run
to tell others.*

Prayer

*Dear God, I want
to write down
the word You
speak to my
heart so that one
day I can read it
again. Amen.*





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HABAKKUK 3:17-19

GOD IS GOD IN EVERY CIRCUMSTANCE

Habakkuk told God that although some of his questions were not answered in the way he would have expected or when some impossibilities took place, he would always be glad in God. He would still choose to rejoice in God. He was committed to rejoicing in the Lord, regardless of the circumstances.

It is easy to be thankful and rejoice when everything is great. When your grades are always good. When all your dreams come true. When your family is healthy and happy. When there are no problems in your life.

But how about when you are in the midst of a storm and problems? It is much harder to rejoice and be joyful when the circumstances seem to be against you.

We rejoice because even when we are busy, God is always faithful.

We rejoice because even if things don't seem right, God is in control.

We rejoice because even when we are naughty, it doesn't lessen His grace upon us.

God is God no matter what our circumstance is, so let's rejoice in Him always.

Key verse:

*Habakkuk 3:18
But I will still be glad in the Lord.
I will rejoice in God my Savior.*

Prayer

Dear God, I want to always rejoice in You in every circumstance in every single day. Amen.

