



Micah 6:9-16 - Words, actions, consequences, and a loving God

Last week in v1-8 God showed his people that his actions backed up his words.....but we see here in the rest of the chapter that theirs do not and that actions speak louder than words...

1) V9-12 Actions speak louder than words

- Why do you think Micah starts this section by saying 'to fear your (God's) name is wisdom' in v9?
- How do the people's actions match up to their words (in v7 they seem to want to please God) according to v10-12?
- Where do we see similar actions all around us today? Are there ways in which we too might be tempted not to 'act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with God' in these kind of ways?

2) V13-16 Actions have consequences

- What does God say will be the consequences of their actions?
- Read Deuteronomy 28 verses 20, 30, 38. How do these show us that God's punishment on them fits with the covenant promises of blessings for obedience and curses for disobedience?
- Omri and Ahab (1 Kings 16 and 1 Kings 21) were two of the worst kings of Israel. How does the promise of King Jesus give us hope that we won't face the same punishment for our disobedience? (Galatians 3:13 is helpful on Christ becoming a curse for us)
- In light of this, where do we see the grace of a loving God in God's words to his people here?