

Sermon Discussion Guide

Songs of the Faithful

Micah 7

Lamenting over the current corruption (1-7)

Lev 19:9-10; Deut 10:17; 16:19; 24:19-22; Isa 5:1-7

- Over what things is Micah lamenting in this section?
- What does it teach us about lamenting the corruption we see around us?
- How does Micah lament in faith? (7)
- What are ways we can better learn to lament as believers?

Confident in our coming salvation (8-17)

Isa 30:30; 24:1-13; 1 Thess 5:1-11; 2 Pet 3:10-13; Ps 44:23-26; Ex 15:1-21

- What aspects of coming salvation does Micah highlight in these three stanzas?
 - Consider the ways he describes the coming vindication (8-10), coming restoration (11-13), and coming blessing (14-17).
- How does knowing how “the story” will end help us in times of lament/darkness?

Certain of the character of God (18-20)

Ex 33:19-34:7; Deut 4:7; 1 Ki 8:23; Isa 40:18; Pr 10:12; 17:9; 16:32; Nu 14:18-29; 2 Tim 2:13

- How is the description of the LORD in verses 18-19 different than what we often think and feel in the Christian life?
- How does the description of the LORD in 18-19 help us be confident of our coming salvation?
- How does verse 20 build our confidence in the LORD?

Conclusion

- How would truly believing the truths in this whole chapter change how we live?
- How does looking to Jesus show us the character of God more fully?
(see back for review)

- **How can we know? How can we have that certainty?**
 - We have something that Micah did not. We have someone of whom Micah only foretold.
 - We have Jesus.
 - In him we so clearly see the steadfast love of God.

- **He knows what it is to lament the fallen condition of this world**
 - See him weeping over his **friend's death**, see him crying out in agony over **Jerusalem's unbelief**
 - See him talking with and caring for those who have been deeply affected by their sin
 - He sang the songs of lament while he walked upon this earth
 - He was a **man of sorrows**; he knew the **grief** of seeing the cascading effects of sin

- **And yet his life of lament was not only to sympathize but to conquer**
 - The only one who was truly **upright**
 - Bore the **indignation** of the LORD for our sin
 - The punishment we deserved was **executed** on him
 - He was engulfed in the waters of God's **judgment**
 - He sunk down to the **depths of death**, so our **sin** could be truly **forgiven**
 - He endured the ultimate **exile**, so we could be **restored**

- **And he has led his people out in the New Exodus**
 - And just as Micah calls the people to look back to the Exodus to be confident of coming salvation
 - So also, we now look back to the cross confident of the coming fullness
 - He will come again, and when he does the enemies who have been conquered will be destroyed once for all: no more sin, no more death, no more devil
 - **Through Jesus, we know how this story ends**