



## Lesson 69 Learn How to Reverence Me.

12/14/11 BT DREAM – Surgical team removing snake from backbone. You could not just rip it out you had to remove it slowly.

12/20/11 VISION – I saw two men speaking to me. They were middle-aged men with short clean-cut hair. They were both wearing black-framed glasses. They had on white shirts with thin black ties. I could not hear what they were saying but their facial expressions were either that of excitement or agitation. I appeared to be deaf, I could not hear a word of what they were saying.

12/20/11 MEETING: PRESENT – I AM, Bob and Cindy

CT – Courses, lessons learned and passed on. Ears open for hearing; eyes open for seeing. Receive that which is given and share. Impending notification (to be received) through silence before the Lord. Be alert. Be mindful. Be thankful. Lift up praise and prayers. Be receptive to what I am sending. Open your hearts and receive. Allow Me to be the head, the lead, the authority.

12/20/11 MEETING: PRESENT – I AM, Darius

Take this time to learn how to reverence Me as King.

This week the Lord has been having me read out of the book of **Micah**. The name Micah means "Who is like Yahweh?" And this sentiment is likewise at the core of what the Lord has been saying to us this week when He said, "Allow Me to be the head, the lead, the authority" and "Take this time to learn how to reverence Me as King." But you may ask "In what way is taking time to reverence Him as King" related to "Who is like Yahweh?" Well, in order for me to answer this question, I must tell you a short story from my past.

When I was a young girl my parents made frequent trips to spend time with family and friends. These trips, this time spent together developing relationship, provided a demonstration, not only to myself, but also to those being visited, of my parents love and affection. As I have grown older I have tried to emulate this behavior not only as a demonstration of my love and affection for the recipient but also as a demonstration of my respect for my parents. The bible tells us we are to honor our father and mother. In my heart, I believe that even though my parents have both passed long ago; I am still honoring them by learning from, and following their example. Likewise, when we allow the Lord to be the head, when we allow Him to be the lead, the authority not only are we providing a demonstration of our love and affection; but we are also giving Him our honor and respect. Consequently, the book of Micah is asking; "Who is going to be like Yahweh? Who is going to emulate His behavior? Who is going to follow His ways?"

So let's look at the book of Micah and what the Lord is saying to us through His prophet. The Lord commences the book of Micah by talking about Samaria. Samaria was inhabited, of course, by Samaritans. The Samaritans descended from the Jews, however, they completely

disregarded what the Lord taught and married outside of their nationality. The effect of their disobedience was that they became a mixed ethnic group. In today's climate that message of "do not marry outside of your ethnic group" would be looked upon as "politically incorrect". However, the Lord spoke against this because He realized the dangers that accompanied such an action. You see, once the Samaritans married outside of their nationality or ethnic group, they began to "pick up" some of the various religious practices of their spouses. They combined elements of pagan religions with Judaism and came up with polluted, unrefined religious practices which were not pleasing to the Lord. Therefore, He sent His prophet Micah, with words of correction.

### **Micah 1:7**

*All her carved images shall be beaten to pieces, and all her pay as a harlot shall be burned with the fire; all her idols I will lay desolate, for she gathered it from the pay of a harlot, and they shall return to the pay of a harlot."*

The Lord stated in the words above, that the "polluted and unrefined" will face judgement because of her selfish and harlotrous ways. He had tried to protect them by offering His advice which they heeded not. And what was worse, the harlotrous ways were spreading.

**1:9** *it has come to Judah; it has come to the gate of My people-*

The people grew so far from the Lord that they began to devise wicked plans.

**2:1** *Woe to those who devise iniquity,*

False prophets came about. They did not acknowledge the Lord but rather spoke "politically correct" words not wishing to offend the people, ignoring the ways of the Lord.

**2:7** *You who are named the house of Jacob: "Is the Spirit of the Lord restricted? Are these His doings? Do not My words do good to him who walks uprightly?"*

**2:11** *If a man should walk in a false spirit, and speak a lie, saying, 'I will prophesy to you of wine and drink,' even he would be the prattier of this people. CJB says it this way, If a man who walks in wind and falsehood tells this lie: "I will preach to you of [how good it is to drink] wine and strong liquor"- this people will accept him as their preacher!*

And the people who were in authority, for example – the leaders of government, the preachers, the teachers, even the parents were not teaching the ways of the Lord. No, instead they taught the polluted and unrefined message the people wanted to hear.

**3:1** *And I said: "Hear now, O heads of Jacob, and you rulers of the house of Israel: is it not for you to know justice? Yet you hate what is good and love what is bad.*

Yet, the leaders and the people, still called on the Lord as if they were his; but all the while they continued to ignore Him and His ways. They were corrupt and selfish.

**3:11** *Her heads judge for a bribe, her priests teach for pay, and her prophets divine for money. Yet they lean on the Lord, and say, "Is not the Lord among us? No harm can come upon us."*

But then Micah began to speak of some who would return, not all but some. He explained that in the end times **the Lord's laws will be acknowledged again, even by some Gentiles**. The Lord's ways will be walked in once more.

**4:1-2** *Now it shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established on the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and peoples shall flow to it. Many nations shall come and say "**Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; He will teach us His ways, and we shall walk in His paths.**" **For out of Zion the law shall go forth**, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. (CJB states: Many Gentiles will go and say...)*

**4:4-5** *But everyone shall sit under his vine and under his fig tree, and no one shall make them afraid; for the mouth of the Lord of hosts has spoken. For all people walk each in the name of his god, but we will walk in the name of the Lord our God, forever and ever.*

Those who return were encouraged to be strong, to remember that the Lord is always with them and guiding them. They were admonished to continue growing in and following after the ways of the Lord, to really work at it.

**4:9-10** *Now why do you cry aloud? Is there no king in your midst? Has your counselor perished? For pangs have seized you like a woman in labor. Be in pain, and labor to bring forth, O daughter of Zion, like a woman in birth pangs.*

The Lord asked this because He knows that the Messiah shall return and judgment shall come at that time.

**5:2-4,9** *"But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of you shall come forth to Me, the One to be Ruler in Israel, whose goings forth are from of old, for everlasting." Therefore He shall give them up,... Your hand shall be lifted against your adversaries, and all your enemies shall be cut off.*

**5:13-15** *Your carved images I will also cut off, and your sacred pillars from your midst; you shall no more worship the work of your hands; I will pluck your wooden images from your midst; thus I will destroy your cities. And I will execute vengeance in anger and fury on the nations that have not heard."*

And then the Lord spoke to the people. He asked, "What have I done to you?" Didn't I deliver you from slavery? Didn't I send teachers to you like Moses and Aaron? Didn't I send counselors to teach you righteousness? Are animal sacrifices, anointed oil or even your first born what I want? No, the Lord has shown you what He wants.

**6:8** ***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?***

This was the message of Micah, to do what is good and to walk with God. We know that when you walk with God you are following His ways. Thus in order for us to achieve what's written of in the book of Micah, to learn from it and apply it to our lives today; we have to let Him be the head and we must acknowledge Him, His ways and His laws. We must do as He says and have "Ears open for hearing; eyes open for seeing" in order to "Receive that which is given and share."

Also from the book of Micah, we learned that the Samaritans became a melting pot, a smorgasbord of man thinking. It became “politically correct” to accept untruths, disavowing themselves from the Lord’s way. This is happening today just as it happened to the Samaritans. So the Lord is warning us, He says, “**Be alert. Be mindful.**”

And because I don’t believe in coincidence it is at this point that I would like to bring together all the elements the Lord gave to us this week (i.e. Bob’s dream, my vision, the Lord’s words and having us read the book of Micah).

In the words the Lord gave this week He spoke of our ears and eyes being open. From the book of Micah, He taught us that we can recognize that which is polluted, corrupt and unrefined in the world around us not only by listening to what the Lord is saying but also by observing it. And now to Bob’s dream.

In his dream he was having to carefully remove the snake (polluted, unrefined, corrupt) from the backbone. And in my vision I was deaf to the men who could not see clearly (remember they were both wearing glasses). Therefore, the Lord is revealing that we must carefully remove that which is polluted, unrefined and corrupt. It has woven itself carefully amongst the very backbone of the Lord’s church. However, we must be deaf to those who are not seeing clearly. I remember telling Bob after the vision that they looked like people who come to the door to talk to you about the Lord.

So to summarize, the Lord is warning us to carefully remove the teachings of those who do not see the Lord clearly; just as He told the Samaritans in the book of Micah. He is advising us to acknowledge Him as our King, to allow Him to be the head, the leader, the authority. Remember the Samaritans became a melting pot of man ideas, we are in danger of the same. He told us, “**Be receptive to what I am sending. Open your hearts and receive. Allow Me to be the head, the lead, the authority.** And to Darius He said, “**Take this time to learn how to reverence Me as King.**”

And now please indulge me as I repeat one part of the story from my childhood:

As I have grown older I have tried to emulate this behavior (the actions of my parents) not only as a demonstration of my love and affection for the recipient but also as a demonstration of my respect for my parents. The bible tells us we are to honor our father and mother. In my heart, I believe that even though my parents have both passed long ago; I am still honoring them by learning from their example. This story is important to this lesson because it teaches us that when we follow the Lord’s example. When we apply what we have learned we not only are behaving righteously; but we are also giving Him a demonstration of our love and affection; our honor and respect.

The book of Micah asked; “Who is going to be like Yahweh? Who is going to emulate His behavior? Who is going to follow His ways? We could add, Who is going to demonstrate their love and affection? Who is going to give Him their honor and respect?”

Remove that which is corrupt. Follow what the Lord has taught.

**Matthew 5:17-19**

*Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled. Whoever therefore breaks one of the least of*

*these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.*

**Romans 8:4**

*That the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.*

The Samaritans liked “politically correctness”; they ignored the righteous requirement of the law and they did not keep the Lord as their authority. Will we do the same or will we become a part of those who in the last days go up to the mountain of the Lord?

May God Bless and Keep You,  
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