



REFLECTIONS

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**He has showed you, O man, what is good.
And what does the Lord require of you?
To act justly and to love mercy
and to walk humbly with your God.**

Micah 6:8

Humility...

Seems like it's something most of us have a hard time with. Don't we compete against each other to prove who is the best? Even when self-esteem runs low, there's usually enough self-worth/ (pride) left over to influence decisions we make. Jesus knows that about us.

Remember when Jesus said, "*Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.*" *The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'*" (Mark 12:30-31) Why else would he choose "yourself" as the measure for how we are to love our neighbor?

But I also think humility comes hard because it is difficult to understand and accept how big God is—how powerful God is, how perfect He is, how loving and forgiving He is. Since we have never seen God, we can hardly compare ourselves to him as the measure for humility. But when Jesus explained, "*Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father.*" (John 14:9) And "*I and the Father are one,*" (John 10:30) that is exactly who He established as our standard.

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." (John 13:34 emphasis mine)

To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with our God, we must hold Him always in a higher position than ourselves...

*For the Lord is the great God, / the great King above all gods.
In his hand are the depths of the earth, / and the mountain peaks belong to him.
The sea is his, for he made it, / and his hands formed the dry land.
Come, let us bow down in worship, / let us kneel before the Lord our Maker;
for he is our God / and we are the people of his pasture, / the flock under his care.
(Psalms 95:3-7)*

You are the light of the world,

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