

Sunday, November 27 "Humble Beginnings"

Micah 7:1-10, 18-20 NASB

The Prophet Acknowledges Injustice

¹ Woe to me! For I am

Like harvests of summer fruit, like gleanings of grapes.

There is not a cluster of grapes *left* to eat,

Nor an early fig, *which* I crave.

² The godly person has perished from the land,

And there is no upright *person* among mankind.

All of them lie in wait for bloodshed;

Each of them hunts the other *with* a net.

³ As for evil, both hands do it well.

The leader asks for a bribe, also the judge,

And the great one speaks the capricious desire of his soul;

So they plot it together.

⁴ The best of them is like a thorn bush,

The most upright like a thorn hedge.

The day when you post your watchmen,

Your punishment is coming.

Then their confusion will occur.

⁵ Do not trust in a neighbor;

Do not have confidence in a close friend.

Guard your lips

From her who lies in your arms.

⁶ For son disavows father,

Daughter rises up against her mother,

Daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;

A person's enemies are the people of his own household.

God Is the Source of Salvation and Light

⁷ But as for me, I will be on the watch for the LORD;

I will wait for the God of my salvation.

My God will hear me.

⁸ Do not rejoice over me, enemy of mine.

Though I fall I will rise;

Though I live in darkness, the LORD is a light for me.

⁹ I will endure the rage of the LORD
Because I have sinned against Him,
Until He pleads my case and executes justice for me.
He will bring me out to the light,
And I will look at His righteousness.

¹⁰ Then my enemy will see,
And shame will cover her who said to me,
"Where is the LORD your God?"
My eyes will look at her;
At that time she will be trampled down
Like mud of the streets.

¹⁸ Who is a God like You, who pardons wrongdoing
And passes over a rebellious act of the remnant of His possession?
He does not retain His anger forever,
Because He delights in mercy.

¹⁹ He will again take pity on us;
He will trample on our wrongdoings.
Yes, You will cast all their sins
Into the depths of the sea.

²⁰ You will give truth to Jacob
And favor to Abraham,
Which You swore to our forefathers
From the days of old.