

RECEIVING THE PEACE OF GOD
"Upside Down, Inside Our Living #3"
Micah 4:1-5
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¹It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and it shall be lifted up above the hills; and peoples shall flow to it, ²and many nations shall come, and say: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. ³He shall judge between many peoples, and shall decide for strong nations far away; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore; ⁴but they shall sit every man 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. ⁵For all the peoples walk each in the name of its god, but we will walk in the name of the LORD our God forever and ever.

Micah 4:1-5 (ESV)

"Something happened in the young heart of Micah that was to set him against oppression, vice, immorality, unscrupulous use of power, and shallow religious thinking."

Dr. Kyle M. Yates

"But to him (Micah) it was given through the inspiration of God to state as no other has ever done the simple majestic unalterable essentials of true religion."

Dr. Daniel Merrill

"But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God."

John 1:12-13 (ESV)

TO RECEIVE THE PEACE OF GOD I MUST:

1. Move away from a material world mindset and **surrender myself to God**.
"No, O people, the LORD has already told you what is good, and this is what he requires: to do what is right, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God."

Micah 6:8 (NLT)

2. Live my life to reflect the truth that **people really matter to God**.
"Someday, O Israel, I will gather the few of you who are left. I will bring you together again like sheep in a fold, like a flock in its pasture. Yes, your land will again be filled with noisy crowds! Your leader will break out and lead you out of exile. He will bring you through the gates of your cities of captivity, back to your own land. Your king will lead you; the LORD himself will guide you."

Micah 2:12-13 (NLT)

3. Identify the paths that lead me away from God and **learn how to avoid them.**
"O LORD, come and rule your people; lead your flock in green pastures. Help them to live in peace and prosperity. Let them enjoy the fertile pastures of Bashan and Gilead as they did long ago." **Micah 7:14 (NLT)**

4. Open my heart to God so that the **peace of God is mine.**
"²But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, are only a small village in Judah. Yet a ruler of Israel will come from you, one whose origins are from the distant past. ...⁵And he will be the source of our peace." **Micah 5:2, 5a (NLT)**

"Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

Philippians 4:4-7 (NIV)