Micah 6-7 • The Lord's Case Against His People

1. (6:1-2) By the Law the people have been **unfaithful** and by the Law they are **judged**.
2. (6:10-12; 7:1-6) The definition of “**wickedness**”:
   1. **Financial exploitation** (6:10-11)
   2. **Physical exploitation** (6:12)
   3. **Unfruitfulness** (7:1)
   4. **Physical violence** (7:2)
   5. **Subvert justice** (7:3)
   6. **Personal exploitation** (7:4)
   7. Extends to even the most **personal relationships** (7:5-6)
3. (6:3-9) The reminder of God’s grace:
   1. **Saved** from the old life.
   2. Provided quality **leadership**.
   3. Rescue from spiritual **attack**.
   4. A foundation for **faithfulness**.
4. (6:13-16; 7:13) To restore **faithfulness**, the backslidden must be **separated** from what they’ve come to trust in.
5. (7:11-17) Reconciliation ultimately mirrors **spiritual** restoration with **physical** restoration.
6. (7:18-20) The basis for biblical hope:
   1. God is **unique**. (7:18a)
   2. God is **merciful**. (7:18b)
   3. God is **loving**. (7:18c)
   4. God does away with **sin**. (7:19)
   5. God establishes **truth** and **grace**. (7:20)
7. (7:7-10) The benefits of reconciliation in this life are not **physical** but **spiritual**.

***Application****: The difference between the faithful and the backslidden is whether they live for the* ***physical*** *blessings of the future or they yearn to have them now at any cost. The faithful live by the* ***Spirit****, the backslidden by the* ***flesh****.*