

## The Justice of God, a Love Story: Part 1 – Heartbreak Micah 3:1-12

The story of Israel: The Lord made Himself \_\_\_\_\_ to Israel. Deuteronomy 32:3-4

The people He chose, and made a covenant with, and provided for – did not \_\_\_\_\_

The Lord \_\_\_\_\_ in His people that were blatant affronts to His justice, righteousness and uprightness.

### Injustices of the Leaders of Judah:

\_\_\_\_\_ evil Micah 2:1

Detested justice & \_\_\_\_\_ everything that was right Micah 3:9

\_\_\_\_\_ land and possessions Micah 2:1

Distorted justice: accepting \_\_\_\_\_, giving wrong verdicts Micah 3:11

\_\_\_\_\_ good Micah 3:2

\_\_\_\_\_ received payment Micah 3:11

Loved \_\_\_\_\_ Micah 3:2

Prophets preached \_\_\_\_\_ hope. Micah 3:11

Robbed and murdered to satisfy their \_\_\_\_\_ Micah 3:2-3

Thought they were \_\_\_\_\_ to God's judgment. Micah 3:11

\_\_\_\_\_ the poor Micah 3:2-3

They embraced \_\_\_\_\_ instead of their God.

1<sup>st</sup> time SIN is used in the Bible: Genesis 4:7 “If you \_\_\_\_\_, won't you be accepted? But if you \_\_\_\_\_ do right, SIN is crouching at the door. Its desire is for you, but you must master it.”

During Micah's day – they got \_\_\_\_\_ with their sin.

We who know Jesus as our Savior have been \_\_\_\_\_ from the power of sin (Romans 6).

Sin still wants to \_\_\_\_\_ our lives. Romans 6:13

Have Christians become so preoccupied with the major sins of our society that we have lost sight of our need to deal with our own more \_\_\_\_\_ sins? - Jerry Bridges, *Respectable Sins*

Subtle sins: those which seem \_\_\_\_\_ to us.

1. they aren't \_\_\_\_\_ / 2. they aren't even \_\_\_\_\_ / 3. we \_\_\_\_\_ about them at all

*The Sinfulness Of Sin - by Ralph Venning*      *The Anatomy Of Secret Sins – by Obadiah Sedgwick*

*The Mischief Of Sin - by Thomas Watson*

*The Evil Of Evils Or The Exceeding Sinfulness Of Sin – by Jeremiah Burroughs*

We need to recognize the sinfulness of \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ may be defined as living one's everyday life with little or no thought of God, or of God's will, or of God's glory, or of one's dependence on God.

One telling indicator of our endency toward ungodliness is our \_\_\_\_\_ to develop an intimate relationship with God. 1 Timothy 4:7-8, 1 Cor 10:31; Col 1:9-10 ; Col 3:32, Ps 27:4; Ps 42:1-2; Ps 63:1

\_\_\_\_\_ is a distrust of God. When we give way to anxiety, we are in effect believing that God doesn't care for us and that He will not take care of us in the particular circumstances that trigger our anxiety of the moment.

Anxiety is also a sin because it is a lack of \_\_\_\_\_ of God's providence in our lives.

\_\_\_\_\_ - a synonym for anxiety, may be associated with a long-term difficult or painful circumstance for which there appears to be no resolution. Matt. 6:34

\_\_\_\_\_ - usually involves being upset or even angry at whatever or whoever is blocking our plans. Psalm 139:16

\_\_\_\_\_ – can arise from ongoing and unchanging circumstances that we just don't like, whether it is a life circumstance, or something trivial that you just don't like. Ps 139:16

\_\_\_\_\_ - taking for granted all the temporal provisions and spiritual blessings that God has so richly bestowed on us, and so failing to continually give God thanks 1 Thess 5:18

Pride of \_\_\_\_\_ - feeling superior to other people. Ezra 9:6 / Pride of \_\_\_\_\_ - I'm right, you're wrong and inferior. Pride of \_\_\_\_\_ - remember that everything that we are, that we have, any skill, talent, any success comes from the blessing and work of God in our life. 1 Sam 2:7  
Pride of an \_\_\_\_\_ - resistance to authority, especially spiritual authority, having an unteachable attitude Heb 13:17

\_\_\_\_\_ - in time and money and being inconsiderate, not thinking about how our actions impact another person

\_\_\_\_\_ - *self-control* is wise control of one's desires, cravings, impulses, emotions, and passions. It's saying no when we should say no. Gal 5:23

\_\_\_\_\_ - having a strong sense of annoyance at the usually unintentional faults and failures of others. This may include responding verbally in a way that hurts the other person. \_\_\_\_\_ – the sin of someone who is impatient most of the time, always upset with somebody. Pro 19:11, 1 Pet 4:8

\_\_\_\_\_ - something outside of us may be the *occasion* of our anger, it isn't the *cause* of our anger. It can find its origin in another sin such as pride or selfishness or idolatry. Pro 16:32; Pro 29:22

\_\_\_\_\_ - can look like being zealous for what is right, or having strong convictions, or opinions. Beware of equating opinions with truth. Rom 14:4

\_\_\_\_\_ - the painful, oftentimes resentful awareness of an advantage enjoyed by someone else, whenever we compare ourselves with anyone whose circumstances seem better than ours. Rom 1:29

\_\_\_\_\_ - intolerance for rivalry, sin when we are afraid someone is going to become equal to or even superior to us. \_\_\_\_\_ - the urge to be the top person, to always win. \_\_\_\_\_ – the sin of seeking to control others to our advantage or to get what we want.

\_\_\_\_\_ : Gossip. Lying. Slander. Critical speech, harsh words, insults, sarcasm, and ridicule. Any speech that tears down another person. Eph 4:29

\_\_\_\_\_ : being attached to, engrossed in, or pre-occupied with the things of this temporal life. Colossians 3:2