

What Shall You Do?

When Jesus departed out of Galilee and came into the borders of Judæa beyond the Jordan, there were numerous individuals that made inquiry of him (Matthew 19:1-29), some for the purpose of trying him, i.e., the Pharisees, and others whose questions were of a more personal note. Among those was “a certain ruler” who “asked him, saying, Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” (Luke 18:18). How many times have you asked the question, “what shall I do?”

The prophet Micah records a similar question that Balak king of Moab asked of Balaam the son of Beor, saying, “Wherewith shall I come before Jehovah, and bow myself before the high God? Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings, with calves a year old? Will Jehovah be pleased with thousands of rams, or with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my first-born for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?” To which, Balaam responded, “He hath showed thee, O man, what is good: and what doth Jehovah require of thee, but to do justly, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with his God” (Micah 6:6-8).

Let us consider those three requirements. “To do justly” is to exercise proper judgment and justice among the people, and as is inherent with the term, be honorable and fair in one’s dealings and actions, and to be consistent with what is morally right. “To love kindness” is to possess the instincts of pity. The apostle Paul said, “If I bestow all my goods to feed the poor...but have not love, it profiteth me nothing” (1 Corinthians 13:3). Thirdly, Micah said that what Jehovah required was, “To walk humbly with thy God.” Humbly is defined as, “Marked by meekness or modesty in behavior, attitude, or spirit; not arrogant or prideful.” The characteristic of meekness is “an inwrought grace of the soul; and the exercises of it are first and chiefly towards God. It is that temper of spirit in which we accept His dealings with us as good, and therefore without disputing or resisting,” in addition, “it is only the humble heart which is also the meek, and which, as such, does not fight against God and more or less struggle and contend with Him” (Vine’s).

Are you seeking to meet the requirement of God? The apostle Peter said, “And in none other is there salvation: for neither is there any other name under heaven, that is given among men, wherein we must be saved” (Acts 4:12). Do you think it might do you well to seek God’s requirements for your soul’s best interest? Ross Triplett, Sr.