

## **The Role of the Church in the Community – Part 4**

### **Justice and Mercy in the Old Testament – Part 2**

Welcome to Hope Sabbath School--an in-depth interactive study of the Word of God. We are continuing an exciting series of studies on The Role of the Church in the Community. Our topic today: Justice and mercy in the OT.

Scripture Theme Song: It is good to give thanks (Ps. 92:1-4)

- 1) A vision of revival from spiritual death
  - a) Ezekiel 37:1-14 – Why does the LORD long to bring revival to His people?
  - b) Isaiah 1:16-17 – What blessing does God desire to pour through His people?
  - c) Think of a story in the Bible that illustrates the change of heart that occurs when a person experiences revival from spiritual death.
    - i) Zacchaeus – Luke 19:1-10
    - ii) Other stories?
- 2) A vision of healing waters
  - a) Ezekiel 47:1-8
  - b) What do these healing waters represent?
    - i) John 7:37-39
    - ii) Isaiah 44:3
    - iii) Amos 5:24 – only possible by God’s Spirit
  - c) What needs to happen in us so God can pour His Spirit through us to bless the lives of those around us?
    - i) Acts 5:32 (see Mark 1:15)
    - ii) Luke 11:13
- 3) Our just and merciful God’s ideal for His children
  - a) What revelation does the LORD give through the prophet Micah? Micah 6:8
    - i) To do justly
      - (1) Is this referring to our personal conduct or our interaction with others?
      - (2) Give an example from the Bible of one who acted justly.
    - ii) To love mercy
      - (1) Notice, not only accept mercy, but love mercy. Why is mercy so important to God?
      - (2) Give an example from the Bible of one who loved mercy.
    - iii) To walk humbly with Your God
      - (1) Why is humility so important?
        - (a) 1 Peter 5:5
        - (b) James 4:10
        - (c) Philippians 2:1-11
      - (2) Give an example from the Bible of one who walked humbly with God.
  - b) As you think about God’s ideal revealed through the prophet Micah, where do you see your greatest need right now?