

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

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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**”:
  - a. **Financial exploitation** (6:10-11)
  - b. **Physical exploitation** (6:12)
  - c. **Unfruitfulness** (7:1)
  - d. **Physical violence** (7:2)
  - e. **Subvert justice** (7:3)
  - f. **Personal exploitation** (7:4)
  - g. Extends to even the most **personal relationships** (7:5-6)
3. (6:3-9) The reminder of God’s grace:
  - a. **Saved** from the old life.
  - b. Provided quality **leadership**.
  - c. Rescue from spiritual **attack**.
  - d. 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:
  - a. God is **unique**. (7:18a)
  - b. God is **merciful**. (7:18b)
  - c. God is **loving**. (7:18c)
  - d. God does away with **sin**. (7:19)
  - e. 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**.*