

What Does The Lord Require?

The question was posed, "With what shall I come before the LORD, And bow myself before the High God?" (Mic. 6:6). The prophet's response was, "He has shown you, O man, what is good; And what does the LORD require of you But to do justly, To love mercy, And to walk humbly with your God?" (Mic. 6:8).

In our time, many people wonder, "What does the Lord require of me?" They ask this even though the answer has been given. The question is a result either of ignorance of God's will or an unwillingness to submit to it. It is not because God has failed to tell us what He wants.

The Lord has been clear about salvation. One must believe, repent, confess Christ and be baptized (Mk. 16:16; Acts 2:38; Lk. 12:8-9). No one should question whether or not belief alone will save him (cf. Jas. 2:24). When an honest investigation is made, it is beyond doubt what a man must do to become a child of God.

Moreover, man need not wonder what name he should wear. Some ponder Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian and other such names. "He has shown you, O man, what is good;" the Lord requires "Christian" (Acts 11:26; 26:28; 1 Pet. 4:16). All other names are man-made. They dishonor God and display the arrogance of man.

In these and all other necessary matters, the Lord has shown us in the New Testament what we must believe and do. Therefore, it behooves us to study it diligently and apply it abundantly.

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