

# POWER HOUR

8/30/2026

Lesson Text:  
Micah 7:14-20

Related Scriptures:  
Jeremiah 50:17-20;  
Genesis 3:8-15; 35:1-15;  
Psalms 103:1-13 Exodus 3:1-20

“GOD’S FAITHFULNESS TO ISRAEL”

NLT TRANSLATION

**Golden Text:** Once again you will have compassion on us. You will trample our sins under your feet and throw them into the depths of the ocean! Micah 7:19 NLT

**Time:** between 736-722 B.C.

**Place:** Judah

## Micah 7:14-20 NLT

<sup>14</sup> “O Lord, protect your people with your shepherd’s staff; lead your flock, your special possession. Though they live alone in a thicket on the heights of Mount Carmel, let them graze in the fertile pastures of Bashan and Gilead as they did long ago. <sup>15</sup> “Yes,” says the Lord, “I will do mighty miracles for you, like those I did when I rescued you from slavery in Egypt.” <sup>16</sup> All the nations of the world will stand amazed at what the Lord will do for you. They will be embarrassed at their feeble power. They will cover their mouths in silent awe, deaf to everything around them. <sup>17</sup> Like snakes crawling from their holes, they will come out to meet the Lord our God. They will fear him greatly, trembling in terror at his presence. <sup>18</sup> Where is another God like you, who pardons the guilt of the remnant, overlooking the sins of his special people? You will not stay angry with your people forever, because you delight in showing unfailing love. <sup>19</sup> Once again you will have compassion on us. You will trample our sins under your feet and throw them into the depths of the ocean! <sup>20</sup> You will show us your faithfulness and unfailing love as you promised to our ancestors Abraham and Jacob long ago.

## INTRODUCTION

Micah prophesied to both the Northern and Southern Kingdoms. Despite Micah’s focus on God’s wrath against His faithless people, his prophecies alternate

between warnings and messages of deliverance. He would use Assyria and Babylon to work out His judgment, yet those nations would not be exempt from God's wrath. Ultimately God would show his incomparability by defeating sin.

### **Additional Scripture Readings**

God's Promise to Defeat the Serpent. Genesis 3:8-15.

God's Promise to Abraham. Genesis 15:1-21

God's Promise to Jacob. Genesis 35:1-15.

God's Faithfulness to His Promise. Exodus 3:1-20.

God's Faithfulness Despite Sin. Jeremiah 50:17-20.

God's Mercy on Sinners. Psalms 32:1-11.

God's Tramples Sin Underfoot. Micah 7:14-20.

**1. The return of Israel (Micah 7:14-15).** When Micah was originally prophesying, things must have seemed hopeless. No one obeyed God; everyone was corrupt and practiced injustice (vss. 1-6). Micah, however, placed His hope in the Lord (vs. 7).

Micah prayed for God to shepherd His people in fertile pasturelands like Bashan and Gilead. The desire to return to these two lands evoked a longing for God's provision as when He first brought the Israelites to the Promised Land. God responded to Micah's prayer with affirmation. He would again be the God of His people.

**2. The fear of the nations (Micah 7:16-17).** The nations would see restored Israel and be ashamed. They had raged against God, seeking to destroy His people, yet God merely laughed with derision (Psalms 2:4-5). They would soon know that God was the true God.

God would usher in a new era of salvation through the return of Israel to the land. That would pave the way for something greater. All nations would fear and worship when God Himself came to Israel to shepherd and save His faithful remnant. God had always known His people would rebel, yet He used their rebellion to glorify His name by bringing about salvation for all people.

**3. The forgiveness of God (Micah 7:18-20).** In the final verses, Micah praised God for His salvation. There is no other god like our God, who is gracious and merciful,

forgiving the sins of His people. This echoes the language God used of Himself when He drew the Israelites out of Egypt (Exodus 20:4-6). It should not be a wonder to us that God judges anyone; instead, it should be a wonder that He saves anyone! We all deserve His wrath, yet His mercy is so astounding that He forgives the iniquities of all who turn to Him. When He does so, it is as if those iniquities are cast into the depths of the sea—they are gone! He does not count them against us, and we know now through the fulfillment of this prophecy that the righteousness of Christ covers them.

The final portion of Micah's prophecy is a pointer to the salvation of all people, not just Israel. He praised God for His faithfulness to the promises given to Jacob and Abraham. These promises, while centering on the nation of Israel, also included the nations (Genesis 12:3). Our God never fails in His promises.

## **PRACTICAL POINTS**

The Lord would hurl all sins into **the depths of the sea**. (Micah 7:19).

Who is a God like **unto thee?** (vs. 18).

As in the days when God's people came out of Egypt, God would show them **marvelous things** (vs. 15).

The Lord delighted in **mercy** and had **compassion** (vss. 18-19)

Israel's enemies would **be afraid** (vs. 17).

They would be **mute and deaf** (vs. 16).

God would restore **the flock of His inheritance** (vs.14) and **the remnant of His heritage** (vs. 18)

## **CONCLUSION**

Despite God's faithfulness to His people, they rejected Him and chose to serve idols. Thus, God sent them into exile, promising that He would not utterly destroy them. He would show them the way of salvation.

We live in a time when God's salvation has been made clear through Jesus, His perfect Son. Like Israel, we were rebellious, yet God changed our hearts and drew us to Him. We should not neglect this compassion but should rejoice in God's mercy! The final judgment is coming; one day, God will pour out His wrath fully on

all who reject Him. We should praise God for His salvation and tell others about Him!

**Next week**, we will be studying Proverbs chapter 1, verses 20-33 in particular. Let's look at God's wisdom and look at human wisdom. The title will be presented a little later. Union Gospel Press, LifeStone