**Sunday, June 28th, 2020**

**Micah 6:8**

He has told you, O mortal, what is good;

            and what does the Lord require of you

            but to do justice, and to love kindness,

            and to walk humbly with your God?

The Word of The Lord.          **Thanks be to God**

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They say: Don't sweat the small stuff.

But I suspect the small stuff is really what we ought to be paying attention to.

Sometimes we are so pre-occupied with ourselves, the big things in our lives,

the big problems, and worries, and concerns,

that we miss noticing all the little really important things.

We spend so much time and energy thinking about the big challenges in our lives,

when actually it is the little things which change everything.

We can easily forget God has a plan, and we are part of it.

What a difference it can make in our lives when we look at things

from God's perspective?

God did the really gigantic things which we can never do:

Like creating the entire universe, placing the stars, creating gravity,

and making all the animals, oceans, and daytime and nighttime.

He created us, and loves us, and forgives us.

But God also paid attention to the small stuff:

He added color to the world for our enjoyment.

He gave the birds a song.

He put wagging tails on puppies, so we would know when they were happy.

He put a rainbow in the sky, and beauty in the flowers.

He gave us the gift of music, so we could have a song in our hearts.

He provides a huge variety of food so meals would not be boring.

And he gave us each other so we would not be lonely.

God did the huge things which we could never do.

But he paid attention to the small stuff because the small things are important.

The small things matter.

When we look at life from God's perspective we discover

the small things are really important.

Micah kept God's perspective in his heart.

The blood and violence of his day did not overwhelm him,

nor was he intimidated by powerful and wealthy people.

He spoke like a person who had seen the world through God's eyes.

Micah was able to see the light ahead.

He perceived a majestic God over all events.

Micah's perspective encompassed not only the events of his time,

but events far into the future. As far as into our time and beyond.

Micah looked straight at the darkness of his time and at the darkness yet to come.

But his perspective – God's perspective – enabled him to see beyond the darkness.

He always sought what God wants from us.

Micah's most famous pronouncement summarizes the qualities which matter to God.

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God does not order us to slay all the gigantic dragons and problems here on earth.

He reminds us to pay attention to the small things we are capable of doing:

            Do justice:  Do what is right and fair. To everyone.

            Love kindness. Pass kindness on to everyone we encounter today.

            Walk humbly with God.

Remember God is so much bigger, and wiser, and loving,

than we can ever hope to be.

So, it makes sense to pay attention to him;

to open our eyes to see what is around us,

to notice, really notice, everyone who crosses our path each day,

and then doing the little things we are capable of doing.

Look at things from God's perspective, it will make all the difference.

            Perspective is how we see something.

            Blindness is not to see it at all.

And when we do not see, we cannot do.

We can choose wisely when we open our hearts, minds, and souls

to see the important little things.

Notice the little things.

Do the little things.

We cannot imagine how important the small things are.

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AMEN