

I'll be up Again

Micah 7:8

These are the words of the minor Jewish prophet Micah around 735 B.C. He who was desperately holding onto the fulcrum of God's Sovereign Word during much national and family defeat. Israel has been invaded by the Assyrians and Chaldeans because of their own idolatry and lack of fearing God.

Micah's name means, "Who is like Yahweh"!

Notice 3 attitudes in Micah 7:8 that he has in battling through this very terrible time of his life.

1. Micah exercises faith in God's Sovereignty – when he says to the devil rejoice not against me or my enemy!
2. Micah exercises faith in the fear of God – when he says I fall, I shall arise. Micah through relational struggle is learning to renew himself back in the fear of God.
3. Micah exercises faith in surrendering and broken worship – when he says, when I sit in darkness, the Lord shall be my light.

Would you repeat these 3 attitudes of Micah with me right now?

1. Faith in God's sovereignty.
2. Increasing the fear of God in my life.
3. Practicing surrendering and broken worship tonight.

You see pain, anger, and long term discouragement can cause us to forget what we've learned in god. This causes us to react wrong when we face what Micah faced. Look what Heb. 5:11-12 (amp) says about this.

So God is saying you are in need to hear something again in order to face what is hitting you and what God has in store for you.

Read Prov. 8:13, in order to handle sitting in the darkness and trying to get up when I fall, I need to renew my attitude into Prov. 8:13.

Because the strength I'm going to need to serve God is in my worship. And when I'm angry, depressed, or stubborn, guess what? That's the last thing I feel like doing so I have to activate the fear of the Lord against pride and arrogance or I won't be getting up again when the enemy is rejoicing over me.

- Prov. 8:13 said to fear God is to hate perverted, twisted, and complaining talking. Start closing doors on mental negativity and bad habits. Ex. 20:20
- Micah knew God is Sovereign. He didn't want to offend God the way he was reacting to pain and judgement in his life.
- He's telling the enemy I will be up again because he knew faith in God's sovereignty, fearing His word, and surrendering worship attracts His presence. I shall arise Ps. 34:3-19 (amp)
- You see, fearing God and worship go together when we sit in the dark facing the mockery of the enemy.

Read Prov. 14:27 – when I keep fearing failure I don't fear the Lord enough because the fear of the Lord gives us confidence and boldness while facing the real reality of failure. You can't practice worship without the fear of the Lord.

Fearing the Lord and worship go together because in Gen 22:5, Abraham is practicing surrendering worship, but God says in Gen. 22:12 now I've watched you fear me in your worship so I am ready to show you more things to come. I am ready to give you direction in the battle. Read Rev. 19:4-6

- This is why Micah said rejoice not over me oh my enemy – when I fall I shall arise. When I sit in darkness the Lord shall be my light.
- His fear of God motivated him to let go of the issues of the will, so God's presence can flow through his pain and fight his enemy. This takes the fear of God and surrendering worship.
- When you practice fearing God in your surrendering worship you put on a customized worship that fits the pain you personally are going through.
- So now the fear of failure, arrogance, and selfishness no longer control your will to worship God.
- Like Micah sitting in the dark I must perfect worship through loneliness and relational rejection.

Read Prov. 14:26 – Fear of the Lord gives us strong confidence when fighting low self-esteem and emotional insecurity.

Read Ps. 22:1-3

- David is being honest about his reality. But in his fearing God he refuses to stay negative. It's his worship that allows God's greatness to enter into his reality of pain and rejection.
- Worship brings God into your situation as a customized garment. Read Jer. 10:6, 1 Chron. 16:25, 1 Chron. 29:11

Personal examples:

1. Going to the hospital with chest pains like a heart attack
 2. I went overseas throwing up all the way to the O'Hare terminal gate for departure.
 3. Trip to India – facing incredible opposition
 4. Facing the foreclosure on our house
 5. We experienced great pain, hurt, and rejections with the Ethiopia/UPC Doctrinal problem. You don't really know Jesus is all you need, until Jesus is all you have.
 6. No health insurance for myself. You see, worship requires 1) focus, 2) passion, and 3) submission.
 7. Customer wouldn't pay me for a roof job. Your worship brings God into your world and environment.
 8. 5 days of fasting separated from my wife.
- God is saying, declare in My Sovereignty, My Greatness, while facing your personal, relational realities. He's asking you to worship Him for being a Healer and Way Maker.
 - Face your realities with the realities of God's greatness in your worship. He wants to come alive while you are sitting in darkness. For I will be up again.

God really does understand our realities.

Judges 6

- A. Vs. 6-10 – this is Israel reality. It's bad, they are being mocked.
- B. Vs. 11-12 – God never addresses Gideon's dilemma. Gideon is acting like a coward but God calls him a mighty man of valor. God is challenging him to look at the second reality. God expects you and me to stare the first reality in the face declaring. We have to call into existence our destiny (our saints and families destiny)
- C. Garment of praise (customized)
- D. Loneliness sets up the stage for worship.
- E. Gideon had to be dealt with the fear of God and worship because of the assignment God had for them. Gideon was being told to use a pitcher and a lantern to fight 35,000 enemies.
- F. Fear God worship is completely taking my hands off I have strong grip for.
- G. All real worship must face the reality of real danger, hurt, and offenses in order for God to show up.

When I fear God in surrendering worship:

- 1. I will increase my physical affection with my family and saints.
- 2. I won't be scared to love others.
- 3. I will get serious with besetting sins.
- 4. I will experience victory over spiritual discernment.
- 5. I will make time for God's Word.
- 6. I will buy the sermons and guard the preached Word in my heart.
- 7. I will keep my holiness standards.
- 8. I will fear God's opinion over the approval of others.
- 9. I will pay my tithes with the fear of the Lord.
- 10. I will teach a home bible study.
- 11. I will be faithful to the things of God.

You don't really know Jesus is all you need until Jesus is all you have.

An old song, "I'll be up again"

I'll be up again
Just you wait and see
Bad times won't keep me down
They'll just send me to my knees
And there while I'm in prayer
I will sing the victory song
And I'll be up again
Where I belong

Rejoice not against me
OH my enemies
When I fall

I shall arise
Rejoice not against me
Oh my enemies
When I'm in the night
The Lord will be my light

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