

“Does God Expect Too Much?”

Micah 6:8

Introduction

- I. We are all responsible to God (Gen. 2:7; Psm. 100:3).
- II. God has the right to dictate to us what He desires (Psm. 119:4; Eccl. 12:13).
- III. However, are God's expectations too much for man?

Discussion

- I. If you were to ask many who are worldly minded, then the answer would be yes.
 - A. What was Abraham's reaction (Gen. 22:2-3, 9-10)?
 - B. In some ways, the Law of Moses was seen as too much (Gal. 2:4; 4:9; 5:1).
 - C. Some people today think that church discipline is asking too much (2 Thess. 3:6).
- II. If you were to ask Satan, then the answer would be yes.
 - A. God is very specific in how He wants worship to be done, but Satan would have us to believe that God is asking too much (John 4:24).
 - 1. No instrumental music in worship (Eph. 5:19).
 - 2. Men leading in worship (1 Tim. 2:8-14).
 - 3. Partaking of The Lord's Supper every first day of the week (Acts 20:7).
 - B. Satan would have us to believe that God is wrong to want us to stay away from sin (Heb. 11:25; cf. James 1:12-16).
- III. In reality, God is not expecting too much from us.
 - A. If we love God as we should, then we know that He is not expecting too much (1 John 5:1-3).
 - B. If we appreciate God's grace as we should, then we know that He is not expecting too much (1 Cor. 15:10).
 - C. If we understand the “recompense of the reward”, then we know that God is not expecting too much (Heb. 11:26; 1 Pet. 1:3-7).

Conclusion

- I. We should not allow ourselves to blame God for our unwillingness to submit and obey.
- II. God does not expect more from us than we can do, and if we do it His way, then we are always better for it.