

DAY 19 - HUMILITY

WORD STUDY: WHAT IS GOOD?

Micah 6:8 | Based on Chaim Bentorah, “Word Study: What Is Good?” (June 21, 2017).

THE CENTRAL QUESTION

What if the goal of obedience is not to earn something from God, but to walk in harmony with Him? Bentorah observes that Micah 6:8 names what God desires without attaching a list of rewards.

TOV - GOOD

Hebrew: **tov** (good). Bentorah emphasizes the picture of being **in harmony** with God. Doing justice, loving mercy, and walking humbly are not merely religious achievements; they express a life attuned to His heart.

DARASH - REQUIRE / SEEK

Hebrew: **darash** (rendered “require” in Micah 6:8). Bentorah explores its sense of seeking or discovering rather than hearing the verse only as a demand for performance. The invitation is to discover what living close to God looks like.

TSANA - HUMBLY

Hebrew: **tsana** (humbly or modestly). Bentorah connects humility with drawing near. Walking with someone means adjusting your pace, paying attention, and remaining in step. His picture is of a relationship, not a competition for spiritual status.

PUTTING IT TOGETHER

Humility does not mean making yourself worthless. It means releasing superiority and self-centeredness so you can walk attentively with God and treat others with justice and mercy. The joy is not simply what God might give in return; it is being close to Him.

REFLECT

1. Am I seeking God Himself, or mainly what I hope He will do for me?
2. Where am I walking at my own pace instead of listening for His?
3. How can justice, mercy, and humility shape one choice today?

WORD STUDY NOTE

“Harmony,” “discovery,” and “drawing close” are Bentorah’s devotional emphases, not the only dictionary definitions of these Hebrew words. Read them alongside the straightforward sense of Micah 6:8: act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with God.