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BIBLE STUDY TOPIC: Accountability For All Believers/Judgment Against The Leaders

REFERENCE SCRIPTURES: Micah 2:1-2; 3:1-7:1-4; Acts 17:31-; Psalm 12:1-4; Isaiah 32:9-13;

(1) In Isaiah 3:16-4:1, the prophet tells us how the people **turned their backs** on God and concentrated on their own pleasures. The prophet Isaiah gave them warning. Based on this passage, this warning was not just to women of Judah, but to all who sit back in their thoughtless ease, enjoying crops, clothes, land and cities while an enemy approach. Wealth and luxury bring **false security**, relaxing us into thinking all is well when disaster is around the corner. By abandoning God’s purpose for our lives, we also abandon his help. **(Isaiah 32:9-13)**

✚ Based on what you just read in Isaiah 32:9-13, what **distractions** has Satan tried to use on you to get you to turn your back on God and his people?

✚ **Deceit** is a type of _____ that distracts us when we think all things are going well.

✚ What should we constantly be doing to prevent us from falling into this trap? _____

(2) Micah, served as an old testament prophet to Judah (Southern Kingdom) from 742 to 987 B.C., During his time, he could not find an honest person anywhere in the land. Even today, real honesty is difficult to find. Society **rationalize sin**, and even Christians sometimes **compromise** Christian principles in order to do what they want. It is easy to convince ourselves that we deserve a few breaks, especially when “everyone else” is doing it. But the standards for **honesty** come from God, not society. We are honest because God is truth and we are to be like him. (**Micah 7:1-4**)

✚ What are some examples of **rationalizations** that we as Christians use as an excuse to sin, why?

“Choosing to live a life apart from God is making a commitment to sin. Sin leads us to judgement and death, God alone shows us the way to eternal peace. His discipline often keeps us on the right path”.

(3) The Trial Of The Leaders

Micah denounced the sins of the leaders, priests, and prophet – Those **responsible for teaching** the people right from wrong. Elders, who were supposed to live among the people, had moved into Jerusalem and become an elite ruling class. These leaders, who should have known the law and taught it to the people had set the Law aside and had become the worst of sinners. They took advantage of the very people they were supposed to serve. All sin is bad, but the sin that leads others astray is the worst of all. (Micah 3:1-4)

✚ Why is sin that leads other’s astray the worst of all? _____

Sin has affected the government leaders and society in general. Deceit had even ruined the family, the core of society. As a result, the only way left to purify the people was **God’s Judgment**. This would draw the nation back to Him and restore them from the inside out. (Micah 7:7-9)

According to the passage, God commands people **to repent**. They must be **judged**; and if they are not remorseful and pardoned, they must be condemned.

✚ What does the **judgments of God** mean to you? _____

✚ Why do God command people to **repent**? _____

✚ Who can **pardon** you from their sin? _____

(4) **In Athens Paul Tells About An Unknown God**

While the Apostle Paul was doing ministry during his second missionary journey in Macedonia, he fled down to Athens, due to some trouble that arose while he was in Thessalonica. When he arrived in Athens, (a city wholly given to idolatry) the Athenians invited him to speak to them. These people were heavy into Greek mythology, they were philosophers, educated and was always ready to hear something new. (Acts 17:16-23). The Athenians were very religious also, but they did not know the true God. Paul explained the one true God to these educated men. Today we have a “Christian” society, but to most people **God is still unknown**. We need to proclaim who he is and make it clear what he did for all mankind through his Son Jesus Christ. We can not assume that even religious people around us truly know Jesus or understand the importance of faith in him. (Acts 17:23).

✚ Why do you think that **God is still unknown** to many Christians today?

✚ Define **accountability** and give some examples of how you have acted in this manner in the past or present. _____

✚ What are some ways you can share the Gospel with people? _____

- ✚ We as Christians can **rationalize** why we cannot share the Gospel, do you think we will be held accountable for this action?

- ✚ Do you think that many Christians today are **double minded** Christians? Explain. _____

- ✚ What 1 Kings 18:21 and James 1:8 say about double mindedness?

PRAYER:

Father God please show me areas in my life where I need _____. Help me to be an example for your people and teach me how to continue to help your people to trust you, learn more about you, and drawer me closer to you so I can completely obey you. In Jesus name I pray, AMEN.

Definitions:

- **Accountability** - is taking or being assigned responsibility for something that you have done or something you are supposed to do.
- **Deceit** - the act of causing someone to accept as true or valid what is false or invalid; the action or practice of deceiving someone by concealing or misrepresenting the truth.
- **Rationalizations** - the action of attempting to explain or justify behavior or an attitude with logical reasons, even if these are not appropriate
- **Judgements of God** - God's knowledge of the moral worth of the acts of free creatures, and His decree determining the just consequences of such acts; the Divine verdict upon a creature amenable to the moral law, and the execution of this sentence by way of reward and punishment.
- **Double-mindedness** - wavering in mind: undecided;

PSALM 12: 1-4

Help, LORD, for *no one* is faithful anymore;
those who are loyal have vanished from the human race.

²Everyone lies to their neighbor;
they flatter with their lips

but harbor deception in their hearts.

³May the LORD silence all flattering lips
and every boastful tongue—

⁴those who say,

“By our tongues we will prevail;
our own lips will defend us—who is lord over us?”