

MINOR PROPHETS

MICAH

Who Is Like the Lord?



Micah's Declaration

- *Rejoice not over me, O my enemy;
when I fall, I shall rise;
when I sit in darkness,
the Lord will be a light to me. (Micah 7:8)*
- *“... for the righteous falls seven times and rises again, but
the wicked stumble in times of calamity.”
(Proverbs 24:16)*

Every Christian Should Try NOT To Fall

- God's Word warns us against falling.
 - Proverbs 4:14-16; 1 Peter 5:8; Hebrews 3:12
- God's Word also teaches us how to avoid falling.
 - The *Christian Graces* (2 Peter 1:5-8)
 - The *Whole Armor of God* (Ephesians 6:10-17)

Good People Sometimes DO Fall

- The possibility of good people falling is clearly expressed in the New Testament.
 - *“Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness.”* (Galatians 6:1)
 - *“My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.”*
(1 John 2:1)

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- Noah's drunkenness. (Genesis 9:20-21)
- Abraham deceived Abimelech about Sarah's real identity. (Genesis 20:1-5)
- Moses' sin at Meribah. (Numbers 20:7-11)
- David & Bathsheba. (2 Samuel 11)
- Peter denies Christ three times, as Christ had predicted. (Matthew 26)

The One Who Falls Determines Whether or Not the Enemy Rejoices!

- **Some over whom the enemy rejoiced:**
 - King Saul.
 - Judas.
- **Some over whom the enemy did not rejoice:**
 - David – even though he fell, he got up again (i.e., repented). **(cf. Psalm 51)**
 - Peter – after the rooster crowed, Peter wept (i.e., repented).

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15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.

16 Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Hebrews 4

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⁷ But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

⁸ if we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1

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¹⁰ He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.

¹¹ For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

¹² as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

¹³ As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.

Psalm 103

Never Give Up!

- *“Young gentlemen, never give up! Never give up! Never give up ... never ... never ... never ... never!”*



