

***Intro:***

READ WLC Q&A 103 (Ex. 20:3) & 104. God is exclusive and intolerant. So true religion. So His people.

Main Point of Text: God's people will not reconcile their wicked lives with Him in empty worship rituals; He will be appeased only by righteous, loyal, merciful, humble living that truly says "Jesus is LORD".

Sermon Point: *Serve the LORD Jesus.*

***Move 1: Understand your Redeemer God.***

LC: "knowing ... God to be the only true God, and our God":

- Properly understand Who God is. Pay attention and consider. General/Special Revelation.
- Creator and Redeemer. There is none other. No one else made/redeemed you. You're not your own.
- *Ye are my witnesses, saith the LORD, and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I am he: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me. I, even I, am the LORD; and beside me there is no saviour. (Isaiah 43:10-11)*
- So follow/focus on Him. LC: "thinking, meditating, remembering, highly esteeming" Him.

***Move 2: Recognize your Redeemer God.***

LC: "acknowledging of God to be the only true God and our God": public profession.

- *Whom have I in heaven but thee? and there is none upon earth that I desire beside thee. My flesh and my heart faileth: but God is the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever. (Psalm 73:25-26)*
- God has spoken first to your heart. He expects you to talk with Him and respond to Him. LC: "honouring, adoring, choosing, loving, desiring, fearing of him"; "Like" Him inside and out.
- LC: "believing him; trusting, hoping, delighting, rejoicing in him". Not only academic.

***Move 3: Praise and exalt your Redeemer God.***

LC: "worship and glorify him accordingly": Express gratitude. Public praise/witness.

LC: "calling upon him, giving all praise and thanks". *O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the LORD our maker. For he is our God; and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. To day if ye will hear his voice, Harden not your heart ... (Psalm 95:6-8)*

***Move 4: Serve your Redeemer God.***

Micah 6:8: Known as the Golden Rule of the OT. Summary of 10 Commandments.

- “Due judgment” LC: “yielding all obedience and submission to him with the whole man”:  
Know/do covenant responsibilities. Context: God calls out princes/prophets/people for injustice.
- “love mercy”: covenant loyalty of God lived out toward others. God is calling out their oppression.
- Hebrew of “humbly”: “behave modestly, live cautiously, carefully”. LC: “being careful in all things to please him; walking humbly with him”. They were not careful to keep close to Him.
- God is calling out their lack of affection. LC: “sorrowful when in anything he is offended”: Vss. 6-7. Question related to vss 1-2: God had a controversy w/ them. Law suit in covenantal courtroom.
- But vss. 6-7 trying to manipulate God like idol instead of repent of unrighteous. 1 Sam. 15:22
- They were like James 1:22 (hearing but not doing God's Word in their lives).

LC: “being zealous for him”. They had forgotten vs. 4. Like Ten Commandment's preface motivation.

- Don't despair. Remember your hope. Micah 5:1-5. Jesus your righteousness!
- Selvaggio: “... not only went to the cross for you, but he lived Micah 6:8 for you. He kept the law for you. He acted justly. He loved mercy. He humbled himself and walked faithfully with the Father.”
- What the LORD Jesus “requires of thee”. Not about what you want. It is about what He wants/deserves. Jesus your righteousness still expects a righteous life in response. Matthew 23:23.

***Conclusion:***

***Serve the LORD Jesus.***