

Our God Disciplines:
*To Produce Righteousness and
Peace for Those Who are
Trained by It*

Micah 6:9-16; Heb 12:5-11

Micah

Outline

1. God hates sin and disciplines His children to make them holy (Micah 6:13; cf. Heb 12:5-11)
2. God commands believers to rid themselves of sinful speech (Micah 6:12; cf. Gal 5; Col 3)
3. God hates sinful speech because it destroys both His people and His church (James 3).

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Sinful speech (“tongue”)

**“... her inhabitants are liars
and their tongues speak
deceitfully.”**

(Micah 6:12b)

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God disciplines

**“¹³ Therefore, I have begun to
destroy you, to ruin you
because of your sins.”**

(Micah 6:13)

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Main Point

God's people must rid themselves of sinful speech.

If we don't, God cares enough to discipline us so that we will.

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God disciplines His people to make each one holy

¹⁰ . . . God disciplines us for our good,
that we may share in his holiness. ¹¹ No
discipline seems pleasant at the time,
but painful. Later on, however, it
produces a harvest of righteousness and
peace for those who have been trained
by it. (Hebrews 12:10-11)

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Holy *speech* is the product of the Holy *Spirit*

**22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love,
joy, peace, patience, kindness,
goodness, faithfulness, 23
gentleness and self-control.**

(Galatians 5:22-23)

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Put on holy behavior and speech

¹² Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, ***clothe yourselves*** with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. ... ¹⁴

And over all these virtues ***put on*** love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

(Colossians 3:12, 14)

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Kill sin in yourself.

Strip off sinful speech.

⁵ ***Put to death***, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: . . .

⁸ . . . ***rid yourselves*** of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips.

(Colossians 3:5,7-8)

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Jesus' 4 steps to address sin

¹⁵ “If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over. ¹⁶ But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that ‘every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.’ ¹⁷ If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church; and if they refuse to listen even to the church, treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector.

(Matthew 18:15-17)

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Deal with sin.

¹⁰ Warn a divisive person once, and then warn him a second time. After that, have nothing to do with him. ¹¹ You may be sure that such a man is warped and sinful; he is self-condemned.

(Titus 3:10; cf. Matt 18:15-17; Gal 6:1)

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Sin divides and destroys

19 The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: ... hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions

21 ... I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

(Galatians 5:19-21)

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The devastating potential of our “tongue” (our speech)

⁵ Likewise, the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. ⁶ The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole body, sets the whole course of one's life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell.

(James 3:5-6)

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