Giving the Perfect Gift

Sunday Morning, December 20, 2015

Introduction:

I.) What Gift Can I Give God? (Micah 6: 6 – 8)

6 With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before the High God? Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? 7 Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,

ten thousand rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?

8 He has shown you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?

(Hosea 12:6)

So you, by the help of your God, return; Observe mercy and justice, and wait on your God continually.

<mark>(Amos 5: 24)</mark>

But let justice run down like water, and righteousness like a mighty stream.

(Matthew 23:23)

"Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faith. These you ought to have done, without leaving the others undone.

Justice - We must treat all with fairness whether physically, materially or in in name.

Remember, we are all forgiven by God, therefore...

Mercy - Take delight in opportunities to give mercy to others. *(i.e., giving what they don't deserve.)*

Humility - Bring all that we are into obedience to God.

II. But, Here is the Perfect Gift to Give God... (Matthew 22: 36 – 39)

36 "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?" 37 Jesus said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.'

38 This is the first and great commandment.39 And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'

Conclusion:

Is it possible to give gifts to God, whom we have not see yet? To give gifts to God who lives in Heaven and in our hearts? Yes! We can give gifts to God by living our lives justly, mercifully, humbly and most of all by loving God completely and loving others!

> Bless God With Giving Him the Perfect Gift This Christmas!