

Introduction- The Divine Trial

God v. Israel

Initiating the Lawsuit: 6:1,2

- God calls the mountains and hills as witnesses

The Defense of God’s Actions: 6:3-5

- What have I done *to* you?
- What have I done *for* you?

Defense of Israel’s Actions: 6:6-7

- What is it you want? Weren’t sacrifices what you wanted?
- Sacrifices weren’t wrong, but by itself, without a proper _____ with God and neighbor, sacrifices are useless.
 - Their exaggeration betrays their _____ and reveals their lack of _____.

What God Requires: 6:8

“He has shown you, O mortal man...”

Act Justly... toward one another

- We live in the _____
- Relates to personal relationships with _____.
- Relates to our conduct in the _____.

Love Mercy... toward everyone

- To “love mercy” means to “_____ mercy”
- No relational _____
- To love it and live it we have to _____

Walk Humbly... with God

This is the core _____ and _____ that sets up success with all God’s expectations.

- The nature of _____
 - “_____ to the ground”
 - _____ lowering
- The turning point...
 - OT Prophets hint at a _____ side to humility
 - _____

*“Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”
Matthew 11:29,30*

- Jesus – not his persona as much as his _____
- _____ made a choice, they chose _____

Humility is the noble chose to _____ your status, _____ your resources or _____ your influence for the good of others before yourself. A willingness to hold power in service to _____.

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- Humility presupposes _____
- Humility is _____ or willingness
- Humility is _____
“Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interest but each of you to the interests of the others. Philippians 2:3,4

Evidence of Disloyalty 6:9-12

The Verdict 6:13-16

- _____ runs its course
- Disobedience results in _____ of God’s blessing.

Application for US

- Reflect on our own misunderstanding about what _____ from us.
- _____ to understand what God requires; it’s up to us to take that step.
- Our actions _____ and belief about God and what He wants.
- Remember the _____.