

HEBREW SCRIPTURE Micah 6;6-8 "What God Requires"

"With what shall I come before the LORD. And bow myself before God on High? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" He has told you, O mortal what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

THE GOSPEL Matthew 18:1-6 "True Greatness"

At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked," Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" He called a child, whom he put among them and said, "Truly, I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever becomes humble like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me. If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believes in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were fastened around your neck and you were drowned in the depths of the sea.

The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**