

God has Something to Say to You about **EXILE**
Micah

“An emotion-based spirituality of self-fulfillment”
(Rod Dreher; quoted in Globe and Mail 2018)

Exile by capitulation...

While Christians have increasingly embraced the culture of “feeling good about concentrating our lives on feeling good,” -feelings edge out Jesus every time—the society has turned up the stakes on living in exile.

- About the time Graham was complimenting “Toronto the good,” William Reel, NY Daily News was clobbering the mute church of New York City
- 2005, Canada’s most notorious mass murderer, Morgentaler was awarded an honorary Doctor of Laws from Western, and the Order of Canada in 2008
- The law school aspirations of Trinity Western are all but dead
- Churches required by the Trudeau gov’t to attest to “reproductive rights” to obtain summer student incentives
- Major corporations will “frog-march their employees through diversity and inclusion training to affirm sexuality and gender identity” (Dreher)
- Immigrants, hostile to Christianity, are in the West either as an invasionary force or a mission field, depending on what Christians decide to do with God’s warnings.
- The systematic deconstruction of masculinity by the western governments (Canada in the lead)

Escape through complete separation from worldly cultural values...

- From trading in your covenant with the Lord for materialism (economic and emotional) (2:1-10)
- From searching out pastors and churches in cahoots with the culture (3:1-12)
 - In the culture of ME, justice exists for those who bow to the culture (1,8,9)
 - In the culture of ME, church leaders do, act, and say, what the crowd wants to do and hear (5; Matt 18:6)
 - In the culture of ME, politics is about getting elected; not doing the right things (9-11)
- From continuing to rely on your own strength (5:10-15)

Out with the bad shepherds and in with the Good Shepherd (5:2,4)

Have we no sense of obligation to our redeemer/ rescuer? (6:4)

How then should we live? (6:6-8)

Act justly, love mercy, walk humbly with your God.

What will we receive? (4:1-5)

- Freedom from ignorance (2)
- Freedom from war (3)
- Freedom from want (4a)
- Freedom from fear (4b)

Does passion for reform and revival matter?

Jeremiah 26! (cf. 2 Kg 19)

*All the nations may walk in the name of their gods;
we will walk in the name of the LORD our God for ever and ever. (Micah 4:5)*