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Zephaniah 2:3 *“Seek the Lord, all you humble of the land, you who do what he commands. Seek righteousness, seek humility; perhaps you will be sheltered on the day of the Lord’s anger”*

Micah 3:8 *“He has showed you, O man, what is good.*

And what does the Lord require of you?

To act justly and to love mercy

and to walk humbly with God.”

Humble *adj.* low; lowly; modest; unpretentious; having a low opinion of oneself or one’s claims.

We would all like to be humble but too often we brag, boast and proclaim our achievements. We like to point score, impress or dominate. Not at all what God commands of us.

Zephaniah, a prophet in the reign of good King Josiah preached fire and brimstone and predicted dire consequences for the people of Judah who were straying from the ways of the Lord. But he offered hope as well to those who were prepared to *‘seek righteousness, seek humility’*.

Micah, an earlier prophet points the way. We should examine ourselves with a view to cutting out the extolling of our virtues and follow a route of humility pleasing to God.