

We sometimes hear the Christian Gospel recommended on the ground that nothing else can clean up this wicked world of ours. This is so, and it is a wonderful argument for the truth of Christianity. But sometimes I think that these arguments are presented as if the Gospel were just some sort of medicine to give the world for its own pleasure - just a means to help in carrying on our own personal plans for this world. The one who really believes in Christ must put God's righteousness first and foremost. He will want to start where Micah starts. Though the Millennial Kingdom is to be a time of reunion with our loved ones, a time of freedom from the curse, a time of doing away with sickness and misery, he will rejoice most strongly in the fact that it is to be a time of exaltation of God's righteousness. That is the very first characteristic of that glorious Millennial Kingdom which Micah has so beautifully described.

3. Worldwide Extension - 4:2-3

A third characteristic brought out in these verses, is the world wide extension of the kingdom that Micah predicts. Representatives of all the nations will come up to Jerusalem to hear the Word of God. No region will be closed to God's message, for Jesus Christ will reign even over the remotest sections of the world.

4. Messianic Justice - 4:3a

The fourth characteristic may be called "Messianic justice". Verse 3 begins with the words: "And He shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off."

Today when representatives of our various nations meet together, they are constantly jockeying for position. Their negotiations are largely a matter of balancing power and compromising objectives. In the course of much argument and discussion they attempt to find a formula that will be more or less satisfactory to all. There is always the threat that one will refuse to agree and raise his power against the others. The will of the majority all too often means simply