

## The “Trinity” of Micah 6:8

The strength of the triangle Ecc 4:12

Trinities in the Bible

God - Gen 1:26-27; Mt 3:16-17; Mt 28:18-19

Time

Space

Matter

Gas, liquid, solid

Mineral, plant, animal

Sun, moon, stars -

Man made up of body, soul and spirit - Heb 4.12; 1 Thess 5.23

Man, woman, child - Gen 1:26-28

Text: Micah 6:8

Do justice, love mercy, walk humbly with your God; note context

A. Do justice - do what's right

1. How do we know? - Ps 119:121; Ezek 18:4-5, 9

Clay Christensen (Professor at Harvard Business School) on Religious Freedom (from video)  
“Some time ago I had a conversation with a Marxist economist from China. He was coming to the end of his Fulbright Fellowship here in Boston, and I asked him if he had learned anything surprising or unexpected. And without any hesitation, he said “Yeah, I had no idea how critical religion is to the functioning of democracy.” The reason why democracy works, he said, is not because the government is designed to oversee what everybody does, but rather democracy works because most people most of the time voluntarily choose to obey the law. And in the past most Americans attended a church or synagogue every week, and they were taught there by people they respected. My friend went on to say that Americans follow these rules because they have come to believe that they weren’t just accountable to society, they were accountable to God. My Chinese friend heightened a vague but nagging concern I harbor inside, that as religion loses its influence over the lives of Americans, what will happen to our democracy? Where are the institutions that are going to teach the next generation of Americans that they too need to voluntarily choose to obey the laws. Because, if you take away religion, you can’t hire enough police.”

2. A heart that is just and right before God

Mt 5:8

Deut 10:12-13 (almost directly quoted in our text; notice verse 16)

Col 3:5-6

3. Love your neighbor as your self - Lev 19:18b; Mt 22:34-40 (Luke 10 Good Samaritan)

4. Golden Rule - Mt 7:12

B. Love kindness (mercy, "steadfast love")

1. Grows from the above
  2. God has been wondrously kind and merciful to us; how can we not be so to our fellow man?  
Mt 18:21-35
  3. Kindness shown to others is kindness shown to our Lord - Mt 25:31-40
- C. Walk humbly with our God - Luke 14:11; 18:9-14