

What Keeps You Awake at Night? Micah 2:1-11

Sermon Challenge

Name: _____ **Date:** _____

BEFORE THE SERMON: Why does it matter what you think about when no one else is watching? *(3 points)*

☐ Thoughts never lead to actions ☐ What we allow into our hearts shapes our actions ☐ Only outward actions matter to God ☐ God cannot see our thoughts

KEY VERSE: Micah 2:1 Woe to them that devise iniquity, and work evil upon their beds! when the morning is light, they practise it, because it is in the power of their hand.

What were these people doing upon their beds at night?

_____ *(3 points)*

Why did they “practise” their sin as soon as morning came?

_____ *(3 points)*

SERMON OUTLINE TRACKER: Fill in the blanks as Pastor Nathan preaches through each point.

Point 1: They _____ Sin (v.1) *(3 points)*

Point 2: They _____ Sin (v.2) *(3 points)*

Point 3: God Promised _____ (vv.3–5) *(3 points)*

Point 4: They Rejected God’s _____ (vv.6–7) *(3 points)*

Point 5: They Oppressed God’s _____ (vv.8–9) *(3 points)*

Point 6: They Chose False _____ (vv.10–11) *(3 points)*

BIG IDEA: Sin usually begins in the _____ long before it is ever carried out in action. *(4 points)*

QUICK LISTENING CHALLENGE: What does the word “woe” express in Micah 2:1? *(3 points)*

☐ Excitement and blessing ☐ Warning of coming judgment and distress ☐ Confusion and doubt ☐ Indifference

FIND IT IN YOUR BIBLE: Find these verses in your KJV Bible during the sermon. (2 points each if found)

☐ Micah 2:1	☐ Psalm 36:4	☐ Exodus 20:17	☐ Leviticus 25:23	☐ Proverbs 4:23
☐ Micah 2:6–7	☐ Micah 2:8–9	☐ Micah 2:10–11	☐ 2 Timothy 4:3–4	☐ 2 Corinthians 10:5

HEART CHECK:

How can you cut a sinful thought off at the source before it grows into a sinful action?

_____ *(5 points)*

CHALLENGE QUESTION: Why did the people say to the prophets, “Prophecy ye not”? *(3 points)*

☐ They wanted to hear more preaching ☐ They didn’t want to feel the shame of their sin exposed ☐ They agreed completely with the prophets ☐ They didn’t believe God existed

TRUE OR FALSE (2 points each)

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| 1. The people in Micah 2 planned their sin before they carried it out. | TRUE FALSE |
| 2. The land of Israel ultimately belonged to the people, not to God. | TRUE FALSE |
| 3. The people in Micah 2 coveted fields and houses that belonged to others. | TRUE FALSE |
| 4. Covetousness is a harmless sin because it never affects anyone else. | TRUE FALSE |
| 5. God said He would devise judgment against the very family that devised iniquity. | TRUE FALSE |
| 6. The people welcomed Micah's preaching and asked him to keep going. | TRUE FALSE |
| 7. The false prophets in Micah 2:11 promised judgment and destruction. | TRUE FALSE |
| 8. Unchecked sinful thoughts will eventually produce sinful actions. | TRUE FALSE |

WHO WAS IT?

Which three kings of Judah did Micah prophesy during?

_____ (3 points)

Who wrote 2 Timothy 4:3-4, warning that people would heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears?

_____ (3 points)

QUICK LISTENING CHALLENGE: What illustration did Pastor Nathan use to describe how sin slowly pollutes a life? (2 points)

PERSONAL APPLICATION: What is one practical way you can 'occupy your mind with the things of God this week? (3 points)

ONE THING I LEARNED THAT I DIDN'T KNOW:

_____ (2 points)

ONE SENTENCE SUMMARY (Summarize today's sermon in one sentence):

_____ (2 points)

DISCUSSION: Why do people often prefer preachers who promise comfort over preachers who expose sin?

_____ (3 points)

FINAL CHALLENGE: Complete the final call to action. (4 points)

Guard your _____ with all diligence.

Cast down _____ that exalt themselves against the knowledge of God.

Bring every _____ into captivity to the obedience of Christ.

Other comments or notes:

Next Sermon: When Pride Meets God: Nahum 2:1-13 by Pastor Joshua Tapp. Read the chapter to prepare for the next sermon challenge.

★ **Score:** _____ / 100 Points ► **Initial** (I completed this honestly on my own): _____

95-100 = Faithful Servant, 90-94 = Diligent Disciple, 80-89 = Bible Scholar

70-79 = Good Listener, 60-69 = Bible Student, Below 60 = Keep Growing

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