

## What is the duty which God requires of mankind?

He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God (NASB; Micah 6:8).

Samuel said, "Has the LORD as much delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, *and* to heed than the fat of rams. For rebellion is as the sin of divination, and insubordination is as iniquity and idolatry" (NASB; I Sam. 15:22-23a).

# The duty which God requires of mankind is obedience to His revealed will.

*(Westminster Shorter Catechism, Q. 39)*

*It is man's duty to obey God. The reason for this is that God is the creator and man is a mere creature. Because God created man, He therefore has "a right" to require what He will from man. Because man is only a creature, he has "no right" to "go his own way and do his own will." No, the only "right" for man is to obey God (G. I. Williamson).*

