

## Sermon Outline

### **How Much? (Micah 6:6-8)**

Introduction: *The parking lot accident: “How much will it take to make this go away?”*

- I. THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL ASKED GOD: HOW MUCH WILL IT TAKE FOR FORGIVENESS?
  - A. They offered sacrifices of choice calves, thousands of rams & ‘rivers’ of oil (vv.6-7)
  - B. They even offered their firstborn children! (v. 7)
  
- II. WE OFTEN TRY TO NEGOTIATE WITH GOD FOR HIS FAVOUR & ASK ‘HOW MUCH?’
  - A. We offer things like church attendance, offerings, good deeds or acts of service
  - B. God tells Israel & us what He wants from us... our hearts! (v.8)
  
- III. OUR ‘HOW MUCH NEGOTIATING’ HAS NO PLACE IN OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD
  - A. As we stand at the cross, our negotiating is silenced
  - B. So says the foundational Scripture passage of our faith (Ephesians 2:8-9)
  - C. Remember that Israel offered their ‘firstborn’? .... God gave His firstborn (Jn. 3:16)
  - D. Amazing... we sin & God provides the solution & pays the price
  - E. How much was the cost to God? ... It cost Him the life of His Beloved Son

Conclusion: *The youth group drama: “Does God know what it means to lose a son?”*