**WHAT DOTH THE LORD REQUIRE OF THEE**

**Micah 6:8**

**INTRODCUTION:**

1. As [we] turn to the Scriptures [we] may notice there are many questions recorded.

 A. God asked Adam, "Where art thou?" (Gen 3:9).

 B. He asked Cain, "Where is thy brother?" (Gen 4:9).

 C. A question haunting many, "If a man die, shall he live again?" (Job 14:14).

 D. Solomon, in his search for life’s meaning, asked, "What profit hath a man of all his labors

 which he taketh under the sun?" (Ecc 1:3).

 E. Paul asked, "Am I therefore become your enemy because I tell you the truth?" (Gal 4:16).

2. Many other questions causing us to change our lives to suit God’s Purpose (Rom 8:28).

**BODY:**

**1. WHAT DOTH THE LORD REQUIRE OF THEE**

A. From this passage [we] see God requires [we] live right.

 B. He requires [we] have the FAITH [we] are willing to live as He wants us to (Rom 1:17).

 C*.* God expects us to do right simply because it is right and **NOT** because of some reward.

 1. [We] are **NOT** to have the attitude of "What’s in it for me"?

 D. When asked about the first commandment Jesus replied, "Love God" (Mt 22:37).

 1. He added, "Love your neighbor as yourself" (Mt 22:38, 39).

 2. When asked who his neighbor was, "he that showed mercy on him" (Lk 10:37).

 E. God requires [we] have mercy enough to seek those who are lost (Mt 28:19).

 **2. WHAT SHALL IT PROFIT A MAN**

A. Solomon, the richest and wisest of kings, who built the temple in Jerusalem and could

 point to many other achievements, said, "All is vanity" (Ecc 12:8).

1. Even if one could point to notable things one has accomplished benefiting mankind,

unless one has prepared for eternity, his LIFE will be a waste.

 B. To point out His Purpose on earth Jesus said, "For the Son of man is come to seek and to

 save that which was lost" (Lk 19:10).

 1. Christ came **NOT** to put a new suit on the old man, but put a new man in the old suit.

**3. WHAT SHALL A MAN GIVE IN EXCHANGE?**

 A. A time of reckoning is coming (Rom 14:12; 2 Cor 5:10).

 C. Suppose you work hard and at the time of death you are worth $10 Million.

 1. At the time of death how much ill you be willing to give to go to heaven?

 A. That is the point of it all, how foolish it is to spend a life time acquiring things

 tied to this life and can**NOT** be taken with you at the cost of your immortal soul.

 D. Jesus pleads with us to lay up treasures in heaven (Mt 6:19, 20). But, do [we] do it?

 1. Paul stated, "We brought nothing into this world, and it is certainthat we can carry

 nothing out" (1 Tim 6:7).

 2. Yet, [we] continue to live as though [we] will never die; thus, when [we] die we will wish [we] had never lived because [we] would have given everything for heaven.

**4. WHAT THINK YE OF CHRIST?** Our answer(s) will determine our destination in eternity.

 A. Some a prophet or a reincarnation of a prophet (Mt 16:14).

 B. Others thought to be the worst of blasphemers (Mk 2:7); He was from God (Jn 3:2).

 C. Is Christ Lord of your LIFE?

 1. Jesus was declared to be Christ, the Son of God (Mt 28:18; Ac 2:36).

 2. If you do **NOT** obey Him, He is **NOT** the Lord of your LIFE (Heb 5:9).

 3. Unless He RULES in your LIFE, He is **NOT** your Lord.

 C. He Says, “…why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?” (Lk 6:46).

 D. The price of the commitment to LOVE Christ is very costly (Mt 16:24).