

AfterThoughts

August 2, 2020

Sermon Title: The Greatest Commandment

Scripture: [Mark 12:28–34](#)

This week, Brad Gowing, Dawson's Executive Pastor, shared from the Gospel of Mark about Jesus' teaching on The Greatest Commandment.

Going Deeper:

- What does Jesus' answer to the question, "Which commandment is the greatest of all?" show us about what Jesus desires most from His followers?
- Think about your daily life, family, work, and community. What does it mean for you to love God first, above all those things? Describe.
- What do the two commandments in verses 30 & 31 expose about your heart today? As you talk to God this week, ask Him to guide you in that area.

Questions from Sam Storms, Lead Pastor for Preaching & Vision

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Evaluate Your Love For God:

- Is God the all-consuming passion of my life?
- Do I have a deep, intense, and abiding affection for God?
- Am I loyal to my God with an exclusive love?
- Do I enjoy spending time with my Lord?
- Do I do things that please my Lord and increase His joy?
- Do I talk to my Lord as much as I can?

Additional Discovery:

"You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment'." ~ Matthew 5:21

He went on from there and entered their synagogue. And a man was there with a withered hand. And they asked him, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?"—so that they might accuse him. He said to them, "Which one of you who has a sheep, if it falls into a pit on the Sabbath, will not take hold of it and lift it out? Of how much more value is a man than a sheep! So it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath." Then he said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." And the man stretched it out, and it was restored, healthy like the other. But the Pharisees went out and conspired against him, how to destroy him.

~ Matthew 12:9–14

"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might." ~ Deuteronomy 6:4–5

In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ~ 1 John 4:10

We love because he first loved us. ~ 1 John 4:19

“When Jesus says all the laws boil down to ‘love God and love your neighbor’, He is saying we have not fulfilled a law by simply avoiding what the law prohibits, but we must also do and be what the law is really after – namely love.” ~ Tim Keller

And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.
~ 1 John 4:21

Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.
~ Philippians 2:4

You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.
~ Leviticus 19:18

Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.
~ Jude 24–25

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