TODAY'S LESSON

"WHAT IT MEANS TO LOVE THE LORD"

(Mark 12:29-31)

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28 Then one of the scribes came, and having heard them reasoning together, perceiving that He had answered them well, asked Him, “Which is the first commandment of all?”

29 Jesus answered him, “The first of all the commandments is: ‘Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. 30 And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ This is the first commandment. 31 And the second, like it, is this: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.”

Mark 12:28-34

32 So the scribe said to Him, “Well said, Teacher. You have spoken the truth, for there is one God, and there is no other but He. 33 And to love Him with all the heart, with all the understanding, with all the soul, and with all the strength, and to love one's neighbor as oneself, is more than all the whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.”

34 Now when Jesus saw that he answered wisely, He said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.”

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Therefore, the greatest sin would be not to love God with all your heart, soul, mind, and **strength**

The Greatest Commandment

Jesus says some commands are greater than others Matthew 23:23

The **greatest command** is in **Deuteronomy 6**

The **2nd command** is in **Leviticus 19:18**

"***You shall love your neighbor as yourself***."

Leviticus 19 shows HOW to fulfill the **2nd command**

Deuteronomy 6 shows HOW to fulfill the **greatest command**

HOW TO LOVE GOD

DEUTERONOMY 6

Deuteronomy 6:1-3

1 Now this is the commandment, the statutes
and the judgments which the LORD your God has
commanded me to teach you, that you might do
them in the land where you are going over to
possess it, 2 so that you and your son and your
grandson might fear the LORD your God, to keep
all His statutes and His commandments which I
command you, all the days of your life, and that
your days may be prolonged. 3 O Israel, you should
listen and be careful to do it, that it may be well
with you and that you may multiply greatly, just as
the LORD , the God of your fathers, has promised
you, in a land flowing with milk and honey.

Deuteronomy 6:1-3

LISTEN! 5:1

Learn God's will v.1

Moses' responsibility was to teach them

Fear God v.2

Ecclesiastes 12:13-14; Proverbs 1:7

Be careful to do God's will v.3

Matthew 7:21-23

Deuteronomy 6:4-5

4 Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the
LORD is one! 5 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

Know God “He is one”

With all your heart, with emotion

1 Cor. 16:22

With all your soul, all your being

With all your strength physical and spiritual

With all your mind Matthew 22:37

Deuteronomy 6:6-9

6 **These words**, which I am commanding
you today, **shall be on your heart**. 7 You **shall**
teach them diligently to your sons and **shall**
talk of them when you sit in your house and
when you walk by the way and when you lie
down and when you rise up. 8 You shall bind
them as a sign on your hand and they shall be
as frontals on your forehead. 9 You shall write
them on the doorposts of your house and on
your gates.

Deuteronomy 6:6-9

God's words are to be in your heart Deut. 30:14

Romans 10:8 Psalm 119:11

God's words are to be in your mouth

Teach diligently

Use every opportunity, every method

Your children will see you show your love Proverbs 22:6

Deuteronomy 6:10-12

10 Then it shall come about when the LORD
your God brings you into the land which He swore
to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, to give
you, great and splendid cities which you did not
build, 11 and houses full of all good things which
you did not fill, and hewn cisterns which you did
not dig, vineyards and olive trees which you did
not plant, and you eat and are satisfied, 12 then
watch yourself, that you **do not forget** **the LORD**
who brought you from the land of Egypt, out of
the house of slavery.

Deuteronomy 6:10-25

Do not forget God v.10-12

Revelation 3:14-21; Romans 1:18-25

Deuteronomy 6:13-15

13 You shall fear only the LORD your God ;
and you shall worship Him and swear by His
name. 14 You shall not follow other gods, any
of the gods of the peoples who surround you,
15 for the LORD your God in the midst of you is
a jealous God; otherwise the anger of the
LORD your God will be kindled against you,
and He will wipe you off the face of the earth.

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Only one true God 1 Cor. 8:4-6

Immorality associated with idolatry

Deuteronomy 6:16-19

16 You **shall not put** the LORD your God **to the test**, as you tested Him at Massah. 17 You should diligently keep the commandments of the LORD your God, and His testimonies and His statutes which He has commanded you. 18 You shall do what is right and good in the sight of the LORD , that it may be well with you and that you may go in and possess the good land which the LORD swore to give your fathers, 19 by driving out all your enemies from before you, as the Lord has spoken.

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Deuteronomy 6:20-22

20 When your son asks you in time to come,
saying, “What do the testimonies and the
statutes and the judgments mean which the
LORD our God commanded you?” 21 then you
shall say to your son, “We were slaves to
Pharaoh in Egypt, and the LORD brought us
from Egypt with a mighty hand. 22 Moreover,
the Lord showed great and distressing signs
and wonders before our eyes against Egypt,
Pharaoh and all his household;

Deuteronomy 6:23-25

23 Then He brought us out from there, that
He might bring us in, to give us the land of
which He swore to our fathers. 24 And the
LORD commanded us to observe all these
statutes, **to fear the LORD our God**, **for our
good always**, that He might preserve us alive,
even as it is this day. 25 Then it will be
righteousness for us, if we are careful to
observe all these commandments before **the
LORD our God**, as He has commanded us."

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