

The Greatest Commandment

Matthew 22:34-40

³⁴ But when the Pharisees heard that He had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together.
³⁵ Then one of them, a lawyer, asked *Him a question*, testing Him, and saying,

³⁶ “Teacher, which *is* the great commandment in the law?”

³⁷ Jesus said to him, “‘You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ ³⁸ This *is the first and great commandment.*

³⁹ *And the second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’*

⁴⁰ *On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”*

Mark 12:28-34

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.”

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.*”

But after that no one dared question Him.

Luke 10:25-28

Introduction to Parable of the Good Samaritan

²⁵ And behold, a certain lawyer stood up and tested Him, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?”

²⁶ He said to him, “*What is written in the law? What is your reading of it?*”

²⁷ So he answered and said, “‘You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,’ and ‘your neighbor as yourself.’”

²⁸ And He said to him, “*You have answered rightly; do this and you will live.*”