

The Greatest Commandments

Matthew 22:34-40



the
Gospel
according to
Matthew





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Another Test for Jesus by the Pharisees

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613 commandments

*Which law is the
greatest one to obey?*





The First and Greatest Commandment

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**It's Love Not Duty
or Achievement!**

It's about Relationship not Religion
Eternal life of knowing and loving God

**It's in the
Shema they
recite daily**

Deuteronomy 6:4-5

***“Hear, O Israel: The Lord
our God, the Lord is one.
Love the Lord your God
with all your heart and
with all your soul and
with all your strength.”***





Love God With Everything You Are and Have

Whole Being Devotion of Love to God

With all your heart - *The very centre of your being*

With all your soul - *Who you are*

With all your mind - *Thoughts, attitudes, intellect*

With all your strength - *Effort and ability*

The Second Commandment

*And the second is like it:
“Love your neighbour
as yourself.”*

Leviticus 19:18

The Golden Rule

*Practical Outworking
of Love for Others*



The Foundation of Faith

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hang on these two commandments.'*

Teaching of the Hebrew's Bible

The Law, Torah,
Law of Moses, Pentateuch.

The Prophets, Neviim

Former Prophets, Latter Prophets.

**Everything you need to
build your faith is here!**





The commandment of love

Love Fulfils the Law

All the Ten Commandments

Romans 13:9

⁹ The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery,' 'You shall not murder,' 'You shall not steal,' 'You shall not covet,' and whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'



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All the Law is Summed Up in Love

*Love in the right direction and
turned our lives right-side up*

Our Life on Earth is All About Love
Not Productivity or Correctness



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Love is the Basis for Obedience

**Obedience comes from
love of God**

*Frees us to live by the Spirit,
not letter of the law*

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Loving God with Everything

Love God Supremely

*Prioritise Him above all others with
Undivided Allegiance*

Matthew 6:24 *“No one can serve two masters,
for either he will hate the one and love the other..*



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of love

Love God Surpassingly

Give Him Your Total Affection & Commitment

Luke 14:26 *“If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple.”*



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Love God Submissively

**Recognise his Authority
and *Obey His Command***

John 14:21

*“Whoever has my commands and
obeys them, he it is the one who loves me”*



The commandment of love

Love Others as You Love Yourself

God's Overflowing Love is Infectious!

1 John 4:7 *"Dear friends, let us love one another,
for love comes from God...."*

**A natural outflow of the love relationship
with God is the love for others**



The commandment of love

**Our love for God will be seen
in our love for our neighbours**

1 John 4:20 *“If anyone says, ‘I love God,’
yet hates his brother, he is a liar. For anyone
who does not love his brother, whom he has seen,
cannot love God, whom he has not seen.”*

Love Sacrificially and Unconditionally



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How can we do so?

Live the Eternal Life of Love Relationship

It's All About His Love! His Grace!

***Come Believe in Jesus, Receive His Love
Be Led by the Spirit and Obey His Commands***

***Come Follow Jesus
Love and Serve Him!***

Love God and Others as You Love Yourself!

