

GREAT COMMANDMENT – Part 1

7/5/25

- Today – Opportunity to give both presentations – related, but each can stand alone
 - Title – “Great Commandment – Part 1”
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- 2 questions – asked in 3 Gospel accounts – (Matthew, Mark and Luke)
 - “Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar?”
Matt. 22:16-22 – Mark 12:13-17 – Luke 20:21-26
 - “Whose wife of the 7 brothers will she be in the resurrection?”
Matt. 22:23-33 – Mark 12:18-27 – Luke 20:27-38
- A 3rd question – asked in 2 Gospel accounts – (Matthew and Mark)

Matt. 22:34-36 “Which is the great commandment in the law?”

Mark 12:28 “Which is the first commandment of all?”

Luke 20:39-40 after that, they dared not question Him anymore

Luke 10:25 A similar question – asked in another part of Luke
“What shall I do to inherit eternal life?”

- Comparing answers

Matt. 22:37 “You shall love the Lord your God.....heart, soul & mind

Mark 12:29 referring to Deuteronomy 6:4-5.....heart, soul & strength

30 “You shall love the Lord your God.....heart, soul, mind & strength

Luke 10:27 “You shall love the Lord your God.....heart, soul, strength & mind

- Here are 3 reasons why we love God

1. Our Heavenly Father blesses us now

1 Cor. 10:13 provides a way of escape

2 Cor. 1:3-4 comforts us – in all our tribulation

Phil. 4:13 I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me

Mark 10:29 houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children – with persecution

30 transition to #2 – and in the age to come, eternal life

2. Our Heavenly Father blesses us in the future

Luke 14:14 repaid at the resurrection of the just

Matt. 5:10-12 kingdom of heaven – reward in heaven

16 transition to #3

3. We have the opportunity to honor our heavenly Father – every day

2 Tim. 2:19 the Lord knows who are His

21 seek to be a vessel of honor, sanctified & useful for the Master

1 Pet. 2:12 good works – honor God in the day of visitation

GREAT COMMANDMENT – Part 2

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- Part 1 – Was about the first response
- Part 2 – Is about the second response

Mark 12:13-17 “Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar?”
18-27 “Whose wife of the 7 brothers will she be in the resurrection?”
28-34 a scribe – “Which is the first commandment of all?”
29 “Hear O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one” – (Deut. 6:4-5)
30 “You shall love the Lord your God.....heart, soul, strength & mind
31 and the second, like it, is this: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself”

- We are not to be selfish – but each person needs to love himself

Eph. 5:29 “no one ever hated his own flesh” – this verse needs some evaluation
(depression – people cutting themselves – suicide)

- Not narcissism

Isaiah 14:12-13 I will ascend into heaven – I will exalt my throne above the stars of God
14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds – I will be like the Most High
Jer. 9:23 don’t glory in wisdom, might and riches – but they should be your goal
24 prioritize – your relationship with God
Phil. 2:3 let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit – but in lowliness
of mind, let each esteem others better than himself
4 not “only” for his own interests – but also the interests of others
1 John 4:19 we love God – because He first loved us
20-21 because we love God – we learn to love people

- Respect for God – Respect for God’s creation – Self-respect

1 Sam. 26:21-24 David avoided Saul
Luke 10:25-27 the Son of God mentioned loving God and loving neighbor
29-37 “who is my neighbor?” – the parable of the Good Samaritan
Luke 23:34 forgiveness – without hearing repentance
Rom. 12:17-21 no revenge
2 Cor. 9:7 be a cheerful giver
2 Tim. 4:14-18 recognize people trying to hurt you – beware – the Lord delivered Paul
Matt. 4:1-11 the Son of God did not let the devil set the foundational terms of His life