

Gospel



THE GOSPEL AND OBEDIENCE ROOTED IN LOVE

Lesson 19

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Mark 12:28-34

“And one of the scribes came up and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, asked him, “Which commandment is the most important of all?” Jesus answered, “The most important is, ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our

God, the Lord is one. And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ The second is this: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater

**than these.” And the scribe
said to him, “You are right,
Teacher. You have truly said
that he is one, and there is no
other besides him. And to love
him with all the heart and with
all the understanding and with
all the strength, and to love
one's neighbor as**

oneself, is much more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.” And when Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” And after that no one dared to ask him any more questions.”

~ Mark 12:28-34

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captured by His love,
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Law. If I could simply fulfill
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~ Milton Vincent

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“Now those are the two stupendous things we need to ponder before we dive into the overwhelming commandment to love our neighbor as we love ourselves. I say it is overwhelming because it seems to demand that I tear the skin off my body and wrap

it around another person so that I feel that I am that other person; and all the longings that I have for my own safety and health and success and happiness I now feel for that other person as though he were me.”

~ John Piper
Sermon

III. What Does Love For God And One Another Look Like?

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1. Here is what love for God and others *doesn't* look like.

**“And in his teaching he said,
“Beware of the scribes, who
like to walk around in long
robes and like greetings in the
marketplaces and have the best
seats in the synagogues and
the places of honor at feasts,
who devour**

**widows houses and for a
pretense make long prayers.
They will receive the greater
condemnation.”**

~ Mark 12:38-40

“There are those who delight to spend time in contemplation. They contemplate God; he is to them a matter of curious study; they like to meditate upon him; the doctrines of his Word they could hear all day long. And they are very sound in faith,

extremely orthodox and very knowing, they can fight about doctrines, they can dispute about the things of God with all their hearts; but alas! Their religion is like a dead fish, cold and stiff, and when you take it into your hand you say there is

no life in it; their souls are not stirred with it; their hearts were never through into it. They can contemplate, but they cannot love; they can meditate, but they cannot commune; they can think of God, but they can never throw up their souls to him, and clasp him in the

arms of their affections. Oh!
To you this text speaks- ‘Thou
shalt love the lord thy God with
all thy heart.’”

~ Charles Spurgeon
Sermon

2. Here is what love for God
and others *does* look like.



“And he sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the offering box. Many rich people put in large sums. And a poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which make a penny. And he called

his disciples to him and said to them, “Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the offering box. For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has

**put in everything she had, all
she had to live on.”**

~ Mark 12:41-44

“Owe nothing to anyone except to love one another; for he who loves his neighbor has fulfilled the law. For this, 'You shall not commit adultery, you shall not murder, you shall not steal, you shall not covet,' and if there is any other commandment, it is summed up in this saying,

**'You shall love your neighbor
as yourself.' Love does no
wrong to a neighbor; love
therefore is the fulfillment of
the law.'**

~ Romans 13:8-10

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**“It is an absolutely staggering
commandment. If this is what it
means, then something
unbelievably powerful and
earthshaking and
reconstructing and overturning
and upending will have to
happen in our souls. Something
supernatural.**

**Something well beyond what
self-preserving, self-enhancing,
self-exalting, self-esteeming,
self-advancing human beings
like John Piper can do on their
own.”**

~ John Piper
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“For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be

**fulfilled in us, who walk not
according to the flesh but
according to the Spirit.”**

~ Romans 8:3-4

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