

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Are God's law's burdensome? Why or why not?
2. How do these two commandments compare with the Old Testament commandments?
3. How do these two commandments summarize all God's laws?
4. What do we "owe" one another? Why?
5. How can we show our love for God?
6. How can we show our love for others?
7. How do we fulfill the law by loving one another?

SUMMARY:

The scribe that came to Jesus was a teacher of the ten commandments and knew them through and through. He tried to test the Lord when he saw the wisdom of His answers and in turn received just as discreet and wise an answer as the Sadducees had received in the preceding incident. He again tried the Lord, but again the Lord answered very wisely. Today, those who understand God's Word are near the kingdom of heaven. All that is needed is an application of these truths to each life so that salvation can become a reality.

NOTES:

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Lesson #11

December 11, 2022

Fourth Quarter

THE KING'S GREATEST COMMANDMENT

LESSON TEXT: *Mark 12:28-34; Romans 13:8-10*

LESSON SETTING: Jesus speaks to the scribes prior to the Passover.

TIME: About 33 A.D.

I. THE COMMANDMENT EXPLAINED. Mark 12:28-31

- A. One God (vs. 29) 1 Corinthians 8:4; 1 Timothy 2:5
- B. Whole Hearted Surrender (vs. 30) Jeremiah 29:13; Joel 2:12
- C. Whole Hearted Love (vs. 30-31) Deuteronomy 6:5; 1 Corinthians 13:1-3, 13

II. THE COMMANDMENT UNDERSTOOD. Mark 12:32-34

- A. Understanding of God's Word (vs. 32-34) Ephesians 5:17
- B. Knowledge Insufficient (vs. 34) 1 Corinthians 1:19; 8:2-3; 13:2,8
- C. Sacrifices Insufficient (vs. 33) 1 Samuel 15:22; Psalm 51:16-17

III. THE COMMANDMENT SUMMARIZED. Romans 13:8-10

- A. Love Fulfills the Law (vs. 8, 10)
- B. Brotherly Love (vs. 9) John 15:12; Romans 12:9; 1 Peter 1:22
- C. True Religion (vs. 10) Ecclesiastes 12:13; Micah 6:8

GOLDEN TEXT: *A NEW COMMANDMENT I GIVE UNTO YOU,
THAT YE LOVE ONE ANOTHER.*

John 13:34

NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON: Matthew 23:16-39

SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES: Isaiah 1:1-24; Mark 12:38-40;
Luke 11:37-54; 20:45-47

QUARTERLY THEME: Christ - King and Savior

TOPIC: THE HYPOCRITIC WAY

INTRODUCTION:

Jesus had so often pleaded with men and women to turn to God, to repent, and to walk in a newness of life. The Scribes and Pharisees also were partakers of these pleas and yet there was only continued rejection of Jesus by them. Now Jesus' ministry was nearing an end and it was time to become very stern with these leaders.

In this lesson Jesus pointed out the judgment that God would mete out to them because of their inadequate teachings and by their wrong teachings. He told them that they were trying to make clean the outside when the inside was still dirty and corrupt and He told them that the inside must be clean first so that the outside may be clean too. One side cannot be clean while the other is still unclean. The teachers of the day were stressing the keeping of the law without teaching a faith and obedience from the heart.

It is the same way today. An outward keeping of God's Word in matters of dress, adornment, tithing, etc., may not always indicate an obedience from the heart which comes as a result of faith and love. Likewise, a lack of the outward obedience to God's Word certainly testifies of a lack of faith and obedience from the heart. The heart cannot be clean if the outside is not clean also. Jesus saith, "out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things; and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things."(Mat. 12:34-35) Let not our hearts be deceived!

CENTRAL TRUTH: Christ is deeply grieved when men reject Him.

GOLDEN TEXT: *IF THOU HADST KNOWN, EVEN THOU, AT LEAST IN THIS THY DAY, THE THINGS WHICH BELONG UNTO THY PEACE!*
Luke 19:42

Jesus was grieved by the attitude of the Pharisees in prompting a legalistic religion, all stress being placed on the doing of things outwardly without necessarily having an obedient heart. These things would have been good if they had been done by the conviction of the heart.

Our Golden Text shows Jesus' sorrow expressed for all the people who refused to hear and accept His message of salvation. He was looking over the city of Jerusalem and saw the multitudes who were living their own lives of self-will, greed, hatred and other evil works.

It is likewise true today that Jesus is grieved as He looks upon the world, as He looks at each one of us if we are exhibiting wrong conduct, disobedience, indifference or rejection of Him. Even if we are ignorant or unaware of these attitudes we are without excuse.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF December 12 – 18

- M. *The Hypocritic Way. Matthew 23:16-39
- T. The King's Rejection. Isaiah 53:1-12
- W. The King Sighs. Mark 7:31-37
- T. The King's Concern Over Unbelief. Mark 8:10-13
- F. The King Weeps. John 11:25-36
- S. The King Foresees the Cross. John 12:27-36
- S. The Betrayer Revealed. John 13:21-30

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