

Moses: An Example of God's Workmanship!

A "Heart" Question to Answer: What Does Love Have To Say To Us?

—Exodus 20; Mark 12:28–34; John 15:12–17; & 1 John 4:7–21

The FOUNDATION & FOCUS of Today's Study:

Respect for God's authority is the Foundation of our Faith!

God **DESERVES** our LOVE and our LOVE for Him
is **DEFINED** by our LOVE for one another.

God **DEMONSTRATED** His LOVE for us when Christ **DIED** for us!

—Exodus 20:18–21

18 All the people perceived the thunder and the lightning flashes and the sound of the trumpet and the mountain smoking; and when the people saw it, they trembled and stood at a distance. 19 Then they said to Moses, "Speak to us yourself and we will listen; but let not God speak to us, or we will die." 20 Moses said to the people, "**Don't be afraid; for God has come in order to test you, and in order that the fear of Him may remain with you, so that you may not sin.**" 21 So the people stood at a distance, while Moses approached the thick cloud where God was.

—"Don't fall in love with the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him." —**John**

—"If someone says, 'I love God,' and hates his brother, he is a liar; for the one who does not love his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen." —**John**

—"It is easy to fragment the Christian life and become preoccupied with individual pieces instead of the total picture. One group may emphasize 'holiness' and urge its members to get victory over sin. Another may stress witnessing or 'separation from the world.' But each of these emphases is really a by-product of something else: a believer's growing love for the Father." --**Warren W. Wiersbe**

—**Mark 12:28–34** 28 Now one of the scribes came and heard them debating. When he saw that Jesus answered them well, he asked Him, "Which commandment is the most important of all?" 29 Jesus replied, "The most important is: 'Listen, Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. 30 Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.' 31 The second is, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." 32 The scribe said to him, "That is true, Teacher; you are right to say that he is one, and there is no one else besides Him. 33 And to love Him with all your heart, with all your mind, and with all your strength and to love your neighbor as yourself is more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices." 34 When Jesus saw that he had answered thoughtfully, He said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." Then no one wanted to question Him any further.

—"A famous theologian known for his keen mind and deep thoughts was once asked, "What is the greatest thought you have ever had?" His answer: "Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so."

"I'd like to suggest that one of the main reasons why the law was given is to reveal the holiness of God. Holiness stands at the very center and the very core of the nature of God." —**Erwin W. Lutzer**

—1— What's the **framework** for the scribe's question? {Mark 12:13-28}

—The _____ of our FAITH ...

... is _____ for God's authority!

—2— Jesus answered the question by emphasizing the:

—The _____ of our FAITH

{Mark 12:29}

—The _____ of our FAITH {Mark 12:30}

LOVE GOD with:

all your heart = the _____ aspect of life

all your soul = _____ aspect of life = _____

all your mind = _____ aspect of life = _____

all your strength = _____ aspect of life = _____

—The _____ of our FAITH {Mark 12:31}

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR = This is a result of a _____

The strength & intimacy of our vertical relationship with God is

—3— Jesus **commanded** His “followers” to love one another

—prompted by His **EXAMPLE** {John 15:12-13}

—providing **EVIDENCE of our FAITH** {John 15:14-17}

—4— Looking at the **follow-up** to the scribe’s question {Mark 12:32-34}

—The _____ of FAITH, **but not RELIGION**

—The _____ of FAITH

—**SOME PRACTICAL LESSON TO ABSORB & APPLY TO OUR LIVES:**

—1} One of the strongest **INCENTIVES** that **INFLUENCES** us to **OBEY GOD** is _____

—2} Anything that occupies our lives other than our love for God will tempt _____

—3} God _____ for us while we were still in bondage to sin. Christ died as our _____

—4} God has given us many things to enjoy, but only when these things become _____ can we _____

—5} Our relationship with God is best seen by our _____

—6} God _____ love, **BUT** _____