

Matt 22:34-40 Week 74

The Third Question to Trap Jesus

Matt 22:34 Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together. 35 One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: 36 "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" 37 Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' 38 This is the first and greatest commandment. 39 And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' 40 All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments." NIV

The verb phimo (put...to silence) literally means to muzzle, to forcefully restrict the opening of the mouth.

The Lawyer

The Question _____

- 36 "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?"
- He was _____ Jesus.

Jesus Response: The _____ Commandment

Micah 6:8 He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

Deut 6:4 Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.

"The Lord is one."

- Notice, He looks at the positive instead of focusing on the things we do that we ought _____ to do. He focuses on the one thing we _____ do.

So what do we learn here?

- God is to be loved with all our _____ and nothing is to be _____ above Him.
- The result is getting all the _____ we need in life.
- Keeping this great command to love God with all your heart produces what I believe is the fruit of _____ and _____.

Jesus Gives the Supplementary _____.

- Love your neighbor as yourself.
- Why is this command so important?
You cannot do the _____ without first doing the _____.
- Duty to God and duty to man is summed up in one word:
_____, which requires personal application.
- We don't need lawyers to explain God's law. We don't need preachers to explain loving others. What we need is willingness to _____ truth.
- God has never sought empty words or empty ritual. His desire is for the _____ himself, not simply what the person possesses.
- If He truly has the person, He inevitably has all that the person _____ as well.
- _____ in Jesus Christ that is not characterized by a consuming and accompanying love for Him, is not saving faith but simply an acknowledgement of His divinity such as even the demons make.

Some take home for us:

1. Loving God takes _____ God to love us.
2. _____ is a state of being complete and undivided with God and others.
3. The Ten Commandments themselves make clear that love for and _____ to God are inseparable.

That person demonstrates his love by:

1. _____ on God's glory (Ps 18:1-3)
2. Trusting in God's divine power (Ps 31:23)
3. Seeking _____ with God (Ps 63:1-8)
4. Loving God's law (Ps 119:165)
5. Being _____ to how God feels (Ps 69:9)
6. Loving what God loves and whom God loves (Ps 119:72, 97, 103)
7. Hating what God hates (Ps 97:10)
8. _____ over sin (Matt 26:75)
9. _____ the world and the love of the world (1 John 2:15)
10. Obeying God _____ (John 14:21)