#9 The Greatest Commandment

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Matt 22:36-8

36 "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?"

37 Jesus said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.' 38 This is *the* first and great commandment.

Deut 6:5

5 You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.

Ex 20:3

3 "You shall have no other gods before Me.

Ex 20:7

7 "You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold *him* guiltless who takes His name in vain.

Love the Lord Your God.

You shall have no other God before Me.

Do not use the Lord's name in vain.

These are the basics of how to view Me, The God of the Universe.

I gave similar words to Moses in the 10 Commandments.

How do you measure up?

Do you love Me?

Truly love Me, My Plans, My Words—

More than your self and your desires?

Do you have any other gods before Me?

Do you have idols and statues in your place of worship?

Do you pray to these statues?

Do you interact with medicines or fitness that has origins in eastern mysticism,

and brings you to worship their false gods passively?

Do you know more & appreciate more of the pagan gods than Me?

Do you expose yourself to knowing your future from pagans?

Do you follow the stars and believe their alignments sets your course or effects your mood?

Do you pray to what you <u>think</u> is Me but you are trying to "open up" spiritual levels like a third eye, chakras, a mystical union with "me," a crest of power that takes tiers of growth to earn a higher status?

Are you in fear of death?

A yes to any of these, and you are not exclusive to Me.

Do you take My Name in vain?

Do you use it as a curse word?

Do you make false promises making them confident by using My Name as the vow?

Do you use My Name casually when you have no intent to call to Me?

Does any of this seem respectful to you? Is not seen as respectful by Me.

I AM the God of Honor.

I will give honor to whom honor is due.

I will receive honor from those who are of a sincere love for Me.

I turn a deaf ear to those who hate me, treat my name with dishonor or elevate false gods.

If you wisely come to Me—

Do so in humility.

Repent.

Be sad & sorry in your heart regarding your dishonor.

Stop and think about how it lacks humility to not be humble to the very God that created the Universe.

Stop doing this and as me to forgive you.

Ask for help to no longer be found offensive.

Bring Me honor and your best.

I AM the Lord God Almighty.

I do not deserve to be an afterthought or

be a genie in a bottle or

to be told how it "should go"

Know that all of the standards I have are for your best interest.

If you read My Words and the Words of My Son & Follow them—

I know that you love Me.

Your faithful obedience to My Ways, to live this way is essential.

There are things you do not know of,

where these elements, actives, and disciplines are evaluated.

I tell you simply here, how to proceed in life for your benefit.

Your generation is so far removed from truth and from people who understand.

Respect that I have to tell you you these things simply.

For generations these things were know among My People.

First by the Israelites & then by the Christians.

The ones that held to My Ways were blessed and honored.

The ones that rebelled had consequences.

Often the consequences included imprisonment by another people,

some were swallowed by the earth, or allowed to have disease.

If you find yourself imprisoned— Stop! Think about what has been said.

Find Me.

The True God.

Repent.

Find a person or a Bible and learn how to come to Me.

Come!

#9 Verses

Zach 7:8-14

8 Then the word of the Lord came to Zechariah, saying,

9 "Thus says the Lord of hosts:

'Execute true justice,

Show mercy and compassion

Everyone to his brother.

10 Do not oppress the widow or the fatherless, The alien or the poor.

Let none of you plan evil in his heart Against his brother.'

11 "But they refused to heed, shrugged their shoulders, and stopped their ears so that they could not hear. 12 Yes, they made their hearts like flint, refusing to hear the law and the words which the Lord of hosts had sent by His Spirit through the former prophets. Thus great wrath came from the Lord of hosts. 13 Therefore it happened, that just as He proclaimed and they would not hear, so they called out and I would not listen," says the Lord of hosts. 14 "But I scattered them with a whirlwind among all the nations which they had not known. Thus the land became desolate after them, so that no one passed through or returned; for they made the pleasant land desolate."

1 John 1:9

9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Hebrews 4:16

16 Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Eph 2:13, 18

13But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near through the blood of Christ.

18For through Him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.

James 4:87-10

7Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

8Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

9Grieve, mourn, and weep. Turn your laughter to mourning, and your joy to gloom.

10Humble yourselves before the Lord, and He will exalt you.

Romans 5:1-2

1Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God.

Jer 29:12-14

12Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you.

13And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart.

14I will be found by you, says the Lord, and I will bring you back from your captivity; I will gather you from all the nations and from all the places where I have driven you, says the Lord, and I will bring you to the place from which I cause you to be carried away captive.

Rev 22:17

17 And the Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!" And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely.