

“On These Two Commandments”

On an occasion when Jesus was actually being tested by the Jews, He gave one of His greatest answers that He ever gave. (Matthew 22:37-40.)

Jesus told the Jews that on the commandment to love God with all you heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind and to love your neighbor as yourself, depend the whole Law and Prophets!

What can we glean from this masterful instruction from Jesus? How can we incorporate this answer into our life?

I. What Can We Glean From This Masterful Instruction From Jesus?

- A. These two commandments that Jesus gave the Jews, in His answer to their question, are not found among the Ten Commandments. (Deuteronomy 6:5; Leviticus 19:18.)
- B. To love God with all heart, soul and mind is to re-echo His love for us! (Psalms 86:14; John 3:16.)
- C. Jesus did not teach us to qualify our love for God and man. He did not say to love if you are loved back or to love God or our neighbor if we can receive some benefit by doing so; our Lord simply and profoundly taught us to LOVE! (Matthew 5:43-48.)
- D. Jesus taught us to love to the extent and degree that He loved us! Such love is proof that we are His disciples! (John 13:34, 35.)

II. How Can We Incorporate Jesus' Answer To The Jews Into Our Life?

- A. We have to replace what is not love with what truly is love! (I John 3:16-18.)
- B. Love for God carries itself on to mankind as well as its natural outcome! (I John 4:21.)
- C. Keeping God's commandments is the expression of our love for God! (John 14:15; I John 5:2, 3; 3:21-24.)
- D. Loving a neighbor, as we love ourselves, is such a great and practical way for us to know how to love them-it is similar to one's love for his spouse! (Ephesians 5:28, 29.)