

Series "Behold Your King"
"Loving God"
Matthew 22:34-46
Part-98

Matt 22:36

1 John 4:19

- 1. Verses 34-40 – The Great Question**
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1. Verses 34-40 – The Great Question:

The Pharisees heard that He had put the Sadducees to silence,

Matt 22:34 Silence – Literally "muzzled"

Matt 22:35

Lawyer, also called Scribes known as "The experts of the law"

Mark 12:28

Matt 22:36 "What is of highest importance in religion?"; "What is first in importance?"

There were 2 Schools:

1. There were great principles that needed to be grasped and followed. There were 365 prohibitions called "weighty commands"
2. Others taught that every small principle was equally binding and must be followed. There were 248 commands called "light commands"

James 2:10

Matt 22:37

Deut. 6:4 (The word Shema comes from the Hebrew word which means "to hear." The confession of faith begins with "Hear, O Israel")

The greatest commandment is to love God. To love God is not to "have good feelings about Him," for true love involves the will as well as the heart. Where there is love, there will be service and obedience.

Deut. 6:5

all is used 3X.

with all your heart, – “to open ones life, the real you that is hidden; our affections and warmth to Him. This speaks of the will, the center of life.”

and with all your soul, – “Ambition, what one lives for, all of our spiritual faculties.”

and with all your mind. – “Attitudes, and thinking towards Him. We are to think intelligently, not in blind emotionalism of all His goodness towards us, but to realize that He alone is master of our lives; in charge” (God's Word)

Mark 12:30 – and with all your strength. – “Activities to Him, our intensity our selfless service means we obey what He says. Our heart, soul and mind should lead to total obedience to Him, even when we don't feel like it!”

Matt 22:38-39

Lev. 19:18

1 John 4:20-21

Matt 22:40

Gal 5:14

2. Verses 41-46 – The Great Refusal:

Matt 22:41-42

"What do you think about the Christ? The term Christ – “Messiah, the Anointed One”

Ps. 132:11

Matt 1:1

Matt 9:27

Matt 12:22-23

Matt 21:9

Matt 22:43-44

Psalm 110

1. Since the Messiah was commonly understood to be a "son of David," who could speak with more authority on his son than David?
2. Psalm 110 went far beyond the issue of Messiah's humanity and His deity; it also taught that He would be priest of an entirely different order than the Aaronic priesthood.
3. Psalm 110 reveals the attitude of David as Israel's leader, to the superiority of his Son. His Son's greatness, his superiority to himself.
4. Psalm 110 confronts the Israelite with a very perplexing problem, a problem which is central and foundational to the Israelite leaders' rejection of Jesus as the Christ.

Matt 22:45

How could the Christ be a physical descendent of David and at the same time (Lord) God? The only explanation is Messiah must be both God and man.

Is. 7:14

Rom. 1:3

Matt 22:46

John 12:37-41

Application:

1. We cannot love God and love others apart from knowing God: We need Jesus Christ!
2. Loving God is more than a feeling, it involves Heart, Mind, Soul and Strength
3. Who is Jesus Christ? Every person must decide. Is He a man who became God? Or God who became man?
4. If I say "I love Jesus Christ", how do I live? Does loving and believing in Jesus Christ mean a changed life?