

The Gospel of the King

Not Far From the Kingdom

Mark 12:28-34

The **shema** and the **eternal requirement of God**: (v. 29-30)

'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.'

The command to love God is _____.

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It is _____ than law-keeping, but not _____ than.

This command defines the _____ by which we keep all the other commands.

Love does not _____ all the other commands, but is the _____ of them.

See: Matthew 22:38, John 14:15, 1 John 3:18

The **practical effect** of God-first love: (v. 31)

'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'

Loving like this requires _____ for me.

God's love for me _____ the sort of love He expects from me.

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Loving like this frees me from _____.

Loving like this reveals how I love _____.

The **greatest and hardest** commandments ...

Have I ever – at any moment of my existence – loved God with _____ my heart? _____ my mind? _____ my strength?

Do I ever truly love my neighbor like _____?

_____ is sufficient for these things?

¹⁰ In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹ Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us. (1 John 4:10-12)

Conclusion: a _____ and a _____ ... (v. 34)

And when Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God."

The compliment:

The warning:

"No one dared asked any more questions." (v. 34b)