

## Loving One God Well February 4, 2024

**Mark 12:28-34**, “One of the scribes came and heard them arguing, and recognizing that Jesus had answered them well, asked Him, “What commandment is the foremost of all?” <sup>29</sup> Jesus answered, “The foremost is, ‘Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is one Lord; <sup>30</sup> 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.’ <sup>31</sup> The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.” <sup>32</sup> The scribe said to Him, “Right, Teacher; You have truly stated that He is One, and there is no one else besides Him; <sup>33</sup> and to love Him with all the heart and with all the understanding and with all the strength, and to love one’s neighbor as himself, is much more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices.” <sup>34</sup> When Jesus saw that he had answered intelligently, He said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” After that, no one would venture to ask Him any more questions.”

**John 13:34-35**, “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”

**Exodus 20:3-17**, “(1) You shall have no other gods before Me.

<sup>4</sup> “(2) You shall not make for yourself an idol.

<sup>7</sup> “(3) You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not leave him unpunished who takes His name in vain.”

**Vain:** worthless conduct, worthless motives, living a life of disappointment to God, morally deficient producing guile rather than holiness

<sup>8</sup> “(4) Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.

<sup>12</sup> “(5) Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be prolonged in the land which the Lord your God gives you.

<sup>13</sup> “(6) You shall not murder.

<sup>14</sup> “(7) You shall not commit adultery.

<sup>15</sup> “(8) You shall not steal.

<sup>16</sup> “(9) You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

<sup>17</sup> “(10) You shall not covet...anything that belongs to your neighbor.”

**2 Corinthians 10:5**, *“We are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ.”*

**Mark 1:35**, *“In the early morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house, and went away to a secluded place, and was praying there.”*

1. Jesus got up early
2. It's still dark
3. He left the house
4. He went to a secluded place
5. He prayed and connected to the Father

**John 15:4-5**, *“Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you unless you abide in Me. <sup>5</sup> I am the vine...apart from Me you can do nothing.*

*“We become like that on which our hearts are fixed.”*

**-Elbert Hubbard**