



## MIGHTY MEN OF GOD

### **Week Fourteen: “Love God With All Your Heart, Soul, Mind, and Strength!”**

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*Jesus answered, “The foremost is, ‘Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is one Lord; and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.’” – Mark 12:29-30*

Foremost – *protos* - literally: “The most important”

- Loving God is the most important of all the commandments
- We are to love Him with all we have
- We are to love Him for all He is

#### **I. What Does It Mean To Love God?**

- To love God you must \_\_\_\_\_ Him
  - You can't love something until you know it
- To love God is to know Him for who He \_\_\_\_\_
  - It is to know and understand His \_\_\_\_\_
  - It is to appreciate His \_\_\_\_\_
  - It is to honor His \_\_\_\_\_
  - It is to respect His \_\_\_\_\_
  - It is to acknowledge and obey His \_\_\_\_\_
  - It is to submit to His \_\_\_\_\_
- To love God is to love Him for \_\_\_\_\_ that He is
  - He is the \_\_\_\_\_
  - He is the \_\_\_\_\_
  - He is a God of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
  - He is a God of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
  - He is \_\_\_\_\_
  - He is a \_\_\_\_\_, not a \_\_\_\_\_
  - He is our \_\_\_\_\_

Jesus commands us to:

*“Love this God. Love him with all that you are for all that He is!”*

#### **II. Loving God is a Full-Contact Sport**

- Jesus is quoting from Deuteronomy 6:5
- This kind of love is \_\_\_\_\_
  - We are to love with all our being

1. \_\_\_\_\_ – *kardia*
    - seat of the thoughts, passions, desires, appetites, affections, purposes, endeavours
  2. \_\_\_\_\_ – *psuche*
    - our life as a whole, distinguished from the body
  3. \_\_\_\_\_ – *dianoia*
    - imagination, thinking, understanding
  4. \_\_\_\_\_ – *ischus*
    - ability, power, strength
- This kind of love is \_\_\_\_\_
    - This is not a \_\_\_\_\_ love
  - This kind of love is \_\_\_\_\_
    - \_\_\_\_\_ heart, soul, mind and strength

### III. To Love God Is To Treasure Him Above All Things

- A. Do not treasure anything \_\_\_\_\_ God
  - When something else has our heart, it has become our treasure – Luke 12:34
  - It has become our \_\_\_\_\_
  - It has become our \_\_\_\_\_
  - It has become our source of \_\_\_\_\_
- B. We may enjoy other things as an \_\_\_\_\_ of our treasuring God
  - I may love my wife, as a \_\_\_\_\_ from God
  - I may value my possessions, as signs of God's \_\_\_\_\_ of my stewardship
  - I may enjoy my health, as a reminder of God's \_\_\_\_\_
  - I may use my mind to succeed at work, remembering that God \_\_\_\_\_ it
  - I may find pleasure in someone or something, as long as it leads to our \_\_\_\_\_ in God
- C. Jesus demands a love that is \_\_\_\_\_
  - This is reflected in the Psalms (Psalms 73:25; 16:2)
- D. Jesus demands a love that is \_\_\_\_\_
  - Loving God is not \_\_\_\_\_
  - It is not a matter of words, but \_\_\_\_\_ (1 John 4:20-21)
  - The greatest expression of our love for God is our love for \_\_\_\_\_ (Galatians 6:14)

### IV. Conclusion

- To be a disciple is to be a \_\_\_\_\_ of God
  - You will not take up your \_\_\_\_\_ unless you love Him more than comfort
  - You will not \_\_\_\_\_ yourself unless you love Him more your own pleasure
  - You will not \_\_\_\_\_ to self unless you love Him more than your own will
  - You will not \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ the world, unless you love Him more than all it has to offer
  - You will not \_\_\_\_\_ for God, until you love Him more than life

ANSWER KEY: know, is, character, mercy, holiness, power, commands, authority, all, creator, sustainer, wisdom, righteousness, wrath, compassion, love, person, force, Father, comprehensive, heart, soul, mind, strength, complete, partial, personal, your, in place of, god, focus, satisfaction, expression, gift, trust, grace, created, delight, exclusive, practical, ethereal, actions, others, lover, cross, deny, die, come out of, live