

Woman of Courage
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“The love that completes me”

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Mat 22:34 But^{G1161} when the^{G3588} Pharisees^{G5330} had heard^{G191} that^{G3754} he had put the Sadducees to silence,^{G5392 G3588 G4523} they were gathered^{G4863} together.^{G1909 G846}

Mat 22:35 Then^{G2532} one^{G1520} of^{G1537} them,^{G846} which was a lawyer,^{G3544} asked^{G1905} him a question, tempting^{G3985} him,^{G846} and^{G2532} saying,^{G3004}

Mat 22:36 Master,^{G1320} which^{G4169} is the great^{G3173} commandment^{G1785} in^{G1722} the^{G3588} law?^{G3551}

Mat 22:37 (^{G1161}) Jesus^{G2424} said^{G2036} unto him,^{G846} **Thou shalt love^{G25} the Lord^{G2962} thy^{G4675} God^{G2316} with^{G1722} all^{G3650} thy^{G4675} heart,^{G2588} and^{G2532} with^{G1722} all^{G3650} thy^{G4675} soul,^{G5590} and^{G2532} with^{G1722} all^{G3650} thy^{G4675} mind.**^{G1271}

Mat 22:38 - This^{G3778} is^{G2076} the first^{G4413} and^{G2532} great^{G3173} commandment.^{G1785}

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Mat 22:34 - Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together.

Mat 22:35 - One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question:

Mat 22:36 - "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?"

Mat 22:37 - Jesus replied: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.'

Mat 22:38 - This is the first and greatest commandment.

Adam Clarke Commentary

“Thou shalt love the Lord” - This is a subject of the greatest importance, and should be well understood, as our Lord shows that the whole of true religion is comprised in thus loving God and our neighbor.

It may not be unnecessary to inquire into the literal meaning of the word love. *Αγαπη*, from *αγαπαω*, I love, is supposed to be

compounded either of **αγαν** and **ποιειν**, to act vehemently or intensely; or, from **αγειν κατα παν**, because love is always active, and will act in every possible way; for he who loves is, with all his affection and desire, carried forward to the beloved object, in order to possess and enjoy it. Some derive it from **αγαν** and **παυεσθαι**, to be completely at rest, or, to be intensely satisfied; because he who loves is supremely contented with, and rests completely satisfied in, that which he loves. Others, from **αγαν** and **παω**, because a person eagerly embraces, and vigorously holds fast, that which is the object of his love. Lastly, others suppose it to be compounded of **αγαω**, I admire, and **παυομαι**, I rest, because that which a man loves intensely he rests in, with fixed admiration and contemplation. So that genuine love changes not, but always abides steadily attached to that which is loved.

Whatever may be thought of these etymologies, as being either just or probable, one thing will be evident to all those who know what love means, that they throw much light upon the subject, and manifest it in a variety of striking points of view. The ancient author of a MS. Lexicon in the late French king's library, under the word **αγαπη**, has the following definition: **Ασπαζος προθεσις επι τη φιλια του φιλουμενου - Σομψυχια**. "A pleasing surrender of friendship to a friend: - an identity or sameness of soul." A sovereign preference given to one above all others, present or absent: a concentration of all the thoughts and desires in a single object, which a man prefers to all others. Apply this definition to the love which God requires of his creatures, and you will have the most correct view of the subject. Hence it appears that, by this love, the soul eagerly cleaves to, affectionately admires, and constantly rests in God, supremely pleased and satisfied with him as its portion: that it acts from him, as its author; for him, as its master; and to him, as its end. That, by it, all the powers and faculties of the mind are concentrated in the Lord of the universe. That, by it, the whole man is willingly surrendered to the Most High: and that, through it, an identity, or sameness of spirit with the Lord is acquired - the man being made a partaker of the Divine nature, having the mind in him which was in Christ, and thus dwelling in God, and God in him.

Heart – The middle. By implication, the seat of your emotions.

Soul – Your life, your being, breath.

Mind – The intellect, the thinking faculty.

Albert Barnes Commentary

All true obedience depends on the correct knowledge of Jehovah. No one can keep his commands who are not acquainted with his nature, his completeness and his right to command.

Matthew Henry Commentary

Love is a short & sweet word, and if that be the fulfilling of the law (instruction), surely the yoke of the command is very easy (Matthew 11:29). Love is the rest and satisfaction of the soul (our being, our very breath and life). If we walk in this way, we shall find rest.

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1Co 8:3 - But **G1161** if **G1487** any man **G5100** love **G25** God, **G2316** the same **G3778** is known **G1097** of **G5259** him. **G846**

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1Co 8:3 But whoever loves God is known by God.

Albert Barnes Commentary

"the same is known" – The words "is known" (eyvwotal egnostai) I suppose to be taken here in the sense of "is approved by Jehovah", "is loved by him; meets with his favor".

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Mar 12:28 - One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him, "Of all the commandments, which is the most important?"

Mar 12:29 - "The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.'

Mar 12:30 - Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.'

Mar 12:31 - The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these."

Mar 12:32 - "Well said, teacher," the man replied. "You are right in saying that God is one and there is no other but him.

Mar 12:33 - To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and with all your strength, and to love your neighbor

as yourself is more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices."

Mar 12:34 - When Jesus saw that he had answered wisely, he said to him, "**You are not far from the kingdom of God.**" And from then on no one dared ask him any more questions.

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Mar 12:28 And ^{G2532} one ^{G1520} of the ^{G3588} scribes ^{G1122} came, ^{G4334} and having heard ^{G191} them ^{G846} reasoning together, ^{G4802} and perceiving ^{G1492} that ^{G3754} he had answered ^{G611} them ^{G846} well, ^{G2573} asked ^{G1905} him, ^{G846} Which ^{G4169} is ^{G2076} the first ^{G4413} commandment ^{G1785} of all? ^{G3956}

Mar 12:29 And ^{G1161} Jesus ^{G2424} answered ^{G611} him, ^{G846} **The first** ^{G4413} **of all** ^{G3956} **the** ^{G3588} **commandments** ^{G1785} **is,** ^{G191} **Hear,** ^{G2474} **O Israel;** ^{G2962} **The Lord** ^{G2962} **our** ^{G2257} **God** ^{G2316} **is** ^{G2076} **one** ^{G1520} **Lord;** ^{G2962}

Mar 12:30 And ^{G2532} thou shalt love ^{G25} the Lord ^{G2962} thy ^{G4675} God ^{G2316} with ^{G1537} all ^{G3650} thy ^{G4675} heart, ^{G2588} and ^{G2532} with ^{G1537} all ^{G3650} thy ^{G4675} soul, ^{G5590} and ^{G2532} with ^{G1537} all ^{G3650} thy ^{G4675} mind, ^{G1271} and ^{G2532} with ^{G1537} all ^{G3650} thy ^{G4675} strength: ^{G2479} **this** ^{G3778} **is** ^{G4413} **the first** ^{G1785} **commandment.**

Mar 12:31 And ^{G2532} the second ^{G1208} **is like,** ^{G3664} **namely this,** ^{G3778} **Thou shalt love** ^{G25} **thy** ^{G4675} **neighbour** ^{G4139} **as** ^{G5613} **thyself.** ^{G4572} **There is** ^{G2076} **none** ^{G3756} **other** ^{G243} **commandment** ^{G1785} **greater** ^{G3187} **than these.** ^{G5130}

Mar 12:32 And ^{G2532} the ^{G3588} scribe ^{G1122} said ^{G2036} unto him, ^{G846} **Well,** ^{G2573} **Master,** ^{G1320} **thou hast said** ^{G2036} **the** ^{G1909} **truth:** ^{G225} **for** ^{G3754} **there is** ^{G2076} **one** ^{G1520} **God;** ^{G2316} **and** ^{G2532} **there is** ^{G2076} **none** ^{G3756} **other** ^{G243} **but** ^{G4133} **he:** ^{G846}

Mar 12:33 And ^{G2532} to love ^{G25} him ^{G846} with ^{G1537} all ^{G3650} the ^{G3588} heart, ^{G2588} and ^{G2532} with ^{G1537} all ^{G3650} the ^{G3588} understanding, ^{G4907} and ^{G2532} with ^{G1537} all ^{G3650} the ^{G3588} soul, ^{G5590} and ^{G2532} with ^{G1537} all ^{G3650} the ^{G3588} strength, ^{G2479} and ^{G2532} to love ^{G25} **his** ^{G4139} **neighbour** ^{G4139} **as** ^{G5613} **himself,** ^{G1438} **is** ^{G2076} **more** ^{G4119} **than all** ^{G3956} **whole burnt offerings** ^{G3646} **and** ^{G2532} **sacrifices.** ^{G2378}

Mar 12:34 And ^{G2532} when Jesus ^{G2424} saw ^{G1492} that ^{G3754} he answered ^{G611} discreetly, ^{G3562} he said ^{G2036} unto him, ^{G846} **Thou art** ^{G1488} **not** ^{G3756} **far** ^{G3112} **from** ^{G575} **the** ^{G3588} **kingdom** ^{G932} **of God.** ^{G2316} And ^{G2532} no man ^{G3762} after that ^{G3765} durst ^{G5111} ask ^{G1905} him ^{G846} **any question.**

Discreetly – noon-ekh-ocē’ – intelligently, as one who had a mind of his own, a refreshing thing to meet with at any time, and especially there & then, and on the words, “not far”, nearly insight into it’s nature and in mind-a sincere thinker. Vincent on the word translated “discreetly” says having his mind in possession, having his wits about him.

Deu 6:4 - Hear, ^{H8085} O Israel: ^{H3478} The LORD ^{H3068} our God ^{H430} *is* one ^{H259} LORD: ^{H3068}

Deu 6:5 - And thou shalt love ^{H157} (^{H853}) the LORD ^{H3068} thy God ^{H430} with all ^{H3605} thine heart, ^{H3824} and with all ^{H3605} thy soul, ^{H5315} and with all ^{H3605} thy might. ^{H3966}

Deu 6:6 - And these ^{H428} words, ^{H1697} which ^{H834} I ^{H595} command ^{H6680} thee this day, ^{H3117} shall be ^{H1961} in ^{H5921} thine heart: ^{H3824}

Deu 10:12 - And now, ^{H6258} Israel, ^{H3478} what ^{H4100} doth the LORD ^{H3068} thy God ^{H430} require ^{H7592} of ^{H4480} ^{H5973} thee, but ^{H3588} ^{H518} to fear ^{H3372} (^{H853}) the LORD ^{H3068} thy God, ^{H430} to walk ^{H1980} in all ^{H3605} his ways, ^{H1870} and to love ^{H157} him, and to serve ^{H5647} (^{H853}) the LORD ^{H3068} thy God ^{H430} with all ^{H3605} thy heart ^{H3824} and with all ^{H3605} thy soul, ^{H5315}

Deu 10:13 - To keep ^{H8104} (^{H853}) the commandments ^{H4687} of the LORD, ^{H3068} and his statutes, ^{H2708} which ^{H834} I ^{H595} command ^{H6680} thee this day ^{H3117} for thy good? ^{H2896}

Deu 30:6 - And the LORD your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your offspring, so that you will love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, that you may live.