

Message: The first and the great commandment

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Matthew 22:33-40 KJV And when the multitude heard this, they were astonished at his doctrine. [34] But when the Pharisees had heard that he had put the Sadducees to silence, they were gathered together. [35] Then one of them, which was a lawyer, asked him a question, tempting him, and saying, [36] Master, which is the great commandment in the law? [37] Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. [38] This is the first and great commandment. [39] And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. [40] On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Deuteronomy 30:15-20 KJV See, I have set before thee this day life and good, and death and evil; [16] In that I command thee this day to love the Lord thy God, to walk in his ways, and to keep his commandments and his statutes and his judgments, that thou mayest live and multiply: and the Lord thy God shall bless thee in the land whither thou goest to possess it. [17] But if thine heart turn away, so that thou wilt not hear, but shalt be drawn away, and worship other gods, and serve them; [18] I denounce unto you this day, that ye shall surely perish, and that ye shall not prolong your days upon the land, whither thou passest over Jordan to go to possess it. [19] I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live: [20] That thou mayest love the Lord thy God, and that thou mayest obey his voice, and that thou mayest cleave unto him: for he is thy life, and the length of thy days: that thou mayest dwell in the land which the Lord swore unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.

Loving God is

- Walking in his ways
- Keeping his commandments and his status
- Obeying his instructions
- Not provoking him to anger
- Doing his will and living his presence
- Giving him all the glory at all times
- Not worshipping other God's

Benefits of loving God

- Enjoy God's presence and the fullness of his glory
- Live and not die
- Enjoy God's mercy, love and protection
- Enjoy open heaven
- Enjoy answered prayers
- God will always go before him
- You will have the peace of God
- Will have everlasting life

Consequences of no loving the lord

- A life of struggle and pain
- Unexplainable attack
- Close heaven
- No divine direction
- Labour for another to eat
- Fear of all things
- Death

Signs that a man loves God

- Love reading, meditating and doing at the bible is commanding.
- Love the church and fellowship
- Always punctual in service and ensuring that God's house is in good condition
- Love correctional messages
- Love holiness and righteousness
- Hates the company of evil doers
- He is mindfully of his works and his deeds
- He is a pillar of support to the week
- Love soul winning
- Rejoicing in the Lord
- Hope in the lord
- Have unshaken faith in the Lord
- They love prayer
- Testifying and singing praises unto God always

Signs that a man hates God

- Hates correction and instructions
- I don't have to be in the church always
- Sponsoring division among brethren
- Always late to church without reasons
- Hates blessings others, self centeredness mind
- Attention seeker
- Always complaining, murmuring at all things
- Blaming the church for all things
- Changing place of worship like changing cloth
- Always in a hurry to knave God's presence
- Hates prayers and sermons that are talking about sin, repentance and heaven
- Always praying for healing, breakthrough and deliverance but hates prayers of thanksgiving

Facts about loving God

1. You cannot love, obey and do the will and wish of the creator of heaven and earth and be left to die in the hands of the evil ones.
2. You cannot walk with the ancient of days and go astray
3. You cannot be in the presence of the Almighty and be tortured and tormented by the devil....

The question we are to be asking ourselves is do we really love God? Whatever you and I are going through is a sign of our relationship with God...maybe you are attacking me already in your heart that does that mean that the problem I'm passing through is a sign that I don't love God, no but the bible says in **Isaiah 43:1-2 KJV** But now thus saith the Lord that created thee, O Jacob, and he that formed thee, O Israel, Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine. [2] When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee.

Prayer

1. Father Lord give me the grace to love you all the days of my life
2. Father Lord I thank you for first loving me accept my thanks in the name of Jesus
3. Father Lord I thank you for the covenant of life accept my thanks in the name of Jesus
4. I thank you lord For the power and authority in your word, your name and the blood of Jesus accept my thanks in the name of Jesus.
5. O lord my father I thank you for preserving me from all evil accept my thanks in the name of Jesus
6. I thank you for feeding me with your word daily accept my thanks in the name of Jesus
7. I love you lord for everything you have done for me accept my thanks in the name of Jesus.
8. I love you lord for the salvation of my soul and for writing **my name** in the book of life accept my thanks in the name of Jesus.

9. **Thank you lord** for leading , guiding and keeping me standing on the path of Righteousness accept my thanks in the name of Jesus.
10. **Psalm 121:1-8 KJV** I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. [2] My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth. [3] He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber. [4] Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep. [5] The Lord is thy keeper: the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand. [6] The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night. [7] The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul. [8] The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore.