

Sermon Notes – 10.02.2022 - The Commands of Jesus #1

Matthew 28:16-20 But the eleven disciples proceeded to Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had designated. **17** When they saw Him, they worshiped *Him*; but some were doubtful. **18** And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. **19** "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, **20** teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

Each Commandment of Jesus Invites us to Examine Ourselves and Repent

- Very Hard to "Teach" Others to "Observe" Unless We Set the Example

All the Other Commandments Stand Under this Umbrella of Two Commandments

Mark 12:28-33 One of the scribes came and heard them arguing, and recognizing that He had answered them well, asked Him, "What commandment is the foremost of all?" **29** Jesus answered, "The foremost is, 'HEAR, O ISRAEL! THE LORD OUR GOD IS ONE LORD; 30 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.' **31** 'The second is this, 'YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.' There is no other commandment greater than these." **32** The scribe said to Him, "Right, Teacher; You have truly stated that HE IS ONE, AND THERE IS NO ONE ELSE BESIDES HIM; **33** 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." **34** 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.

"Although these Commandments of Jesus are not in numerical order as are the Ten Commandments in the Old Testament, most Bible Scholars agree that they are most assuredly the Commandments of Jesus."

<https://www.trusting-in-jesus.com/Commandments-of-Jesus.html>

The Law/ Torah contains 613 Mitzvahs / Commandments (248 Positive / 365 Negative)

Jesus Extended the Argument and Still Gave a Simple but Powerful Answer

Matthew 22:40 "On these two commandments depend the whole Law and the Prophets."

A Well-known American Idiom: "It's Easier to Get Forgiveness than Permission" – Consider This:

1 Samuel 15:22 Samuel said, "Has the LORD as much delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices As in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, And to heed than the fat of rams.

- To Obey God is more precious to God than all that we might do to gain His forgiveness

Jesus Has a Kingdom that is Ordered / Founded Upon Loving Obedience to the Commands of Jesus

- Not grudging, sullen subjection – rather, joyful, loving, willing submission from the heart

A Right Heart Desires Loving Obedience to the One who Died for Us – We Also Have an Advocate!

- 1 John 2:1-3 My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; 2 and He Himself is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for those of the whole world. 3 By this we know that we have come to know Him, if we keep His commandments.
- Confess It, Repent, Accept Your Restoration - Get Back Up and Keep Following Jesus

The Greatest Two Commandments

"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 Great Reason to Obey is – He is the LORD

Heart Soul Mind – Our Affections, Our Life, and Our Intellect – Understanding, Feelings and Thoughts
Strength – Mental and Physical Strength

'YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF'

- Love takes a lot of Forms - Do We Even Know Our Neighbors?

Another Place, Jesus Summarized it this Way – Think Long and Hard about This One (Want vs. Expect)

Matthew 7:12 "In everything, therefore, treat people the same way you want them to treat you, for this is the Law and the Prophets.

Jesus' Question - "Which of these three do you think proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell into the robbers' hands?" 37 And he said, "The one who showed mercy toward him." Then Jesus said to him, "Go and do the same." Luke 10:36

The Importance of "Setting" Our Mind

Colossians 3:1-2 Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. 2 Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth.

Where is your Heart? Where is Your Treasure

Matthew 6:19-21 "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. 20 "But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal; 21 for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.