

Revolution: Loving God with All Your Soul

Series: Revolution

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Scripture

Mark 12:28-34

28 One of the teachers of the law came and heard Jesus arguing with the Sadducees. Seeing that Jesus gave good answers to their questions, he asked Jesus, "Which of the commands is most important?" **29** Jesus answered, "The most important command is this: 'Listen, people of Israel! The Lord our God is the only Lord. **30** Love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength. **31** The second command is this: 'Love your neighbor as you love yourself. There are no commands more important than these."

32 The man answered, "That was a good answer, Teacher. You were right when you said God is the only Lord and there is no other God besides him. **33** One must love God with all his heart, all his mind, and all his strength. And one must love his neighbor as he loves himself. These commands are more important than all the animals and sacrifices we offer to God."

34 When Jesus saw that the man answered him wisely, Jesus said to him, "You are close to the kingdom of God." And after that, no one was brave enough to ask Jesus any more questions.

Engage

Share a time in your life when you've been most in awe of God. (If needed, ask, "Are there any times not related to his creation?")

Discuss

1. Why is it important for people to be in awe of God? Do you ever intentionally take a step back and enjoy God's creation?
2. Psalm 19:1 "The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of His hands." Do you think many non-believers see creation and recognize a creator? What do you think they see?
3. First Corinthians 2:9 says, "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him." Do you ever wonder if what we see here on earth is just the tip of the iceberg when it comes to seeing the awe of God? We don't have to know much about heaven to know that we want to be there to forever see God's glory.

4. Sometimes what we see is based on what we are looking for or expect. What ways should we be able to see God's wonder in our everyday lives that we don't see anymore because we're so accustomed to seeing it?
5. How does the wonder of God affect our love for Him?

Challenge

Take some time this week to look for the wonder and awe of God in our daily lives.

Other Passages Cited

Matthew 10:28

Revelation 8:1

Psalms 29

Matthew 6:22-23