

Revolution: Loving God with All Your Mind

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

To love God with all our mind is more than just having knowledge of Him. It's having an intimate knowledge of God. What are some intimate things that you know about God? (ie. He is a Just God, He is a God of compassion, He gives grace freely, etc.)

Discuss

1. Loving God with all your mind is the third trait given in the "Great Commandment." What are some ways we can get to know God?
2. God doesn't want us to just worship Him. He wants us to know why we are worshipping Him. Why are you worshipping God?
3. We all have limitations when it comes to knowing God. What are some of your limitations?

4. There is no way we will be able to learn everything about God. We are to be a life-long learner. What are some habits and things we can do to continue to gain as much knowledge about God as we can?
5. When we seek to learn more about God he sometimes gives us a revelation. Has God sent you a revelation? What has God revealed to you?

Challenge

God gave us a fascinating mind with the capability of being creative. Just as George Washington Carver prayed for the use of the peanut, God revealed to him the answer and with that used his creative mind to come up with over 300 uses for it. Pray for ways to create something for God's glory.

Other Passages Cited

Genesis 1:28

1 Kings 4:29–34

Proverbs 25:2

John 4:22

Luke 11:10