Mark

The **Gospel** of the **Servant of God**

I. The ***Service*** of the **Servant** (1:1-10:52)

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a. A ***Question*** concerning **Taxes** (12:13-17)
b. A ***Question*** concerning the **Resurrection** (12:18-27)

c. A ***Question*** concerning the **Greatest** **Commandments** (12:28-34)

[28] 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**

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d. A ***Question*** from **Jesus** concerning the **Messiah** (12:35-37)

[35] And **Jesus** *began* to say, as **He taught** in the temple,
"***How*** *is it that* the **scribes** say that the **Messiah** is the **son of David**?

[36] **David** himself said in the **Holy Spirit,**

'THE **LORD** SAID TO **MY LORD**,
"SIT AT MY **RIGHT HAND**,
UNTIL **I PUT** YOUR **ENEMIES** BENEATH **YOUR FEET**."'
[37] **David** himself **calls Him 'Lord'**; so in **what** sense is **He his son**?"

And the **large** crowd **enjoyed listening** to **Him**.

Personal Application
Following the **Great Command**— ***Loving*** the **Lord Your God**

A. ***Loving Him*** simply because **He is God** ***our*** **Creator**, the **source** of ***our*** **life** and **blessings**, and **provider** of ***our*** **needs** (Psalm 100:1-5) (Psalm 107:8-9) (II Peter 1:3)

Shout joyfully to the **LORD**, all the **earth**.
[2] **Serve the LORD** with **gladness**; **Come** before **Him** with **joyful singing**.

Know that **the LORD Himself** is **God**;
It is **He** who has **made us**, and **not** we ourselves;
We are **His people** and the **sheep** of **His pasture**.

Enter His gates with **thanksgiving** *And* His courts with **praise**.
Give **thanks** to **Him, bless** His **name**.

[5] For **the LORD** is ***good;*** **His** ***lovingkindness*** is **everlasting**
And **His** ***faithfulness*** to all generations. (Psalm 100:1-5)

Let them give **thanks** to **the LORD** for **His** ***lovingkindness,***
And for **His** ***wonders*** to the sons of men!
For **He** has **satisfied** the **thirsty soul**,
And the **hungry soul He** has **filled** with what is ***good***. (Psalm 107:8-9)

...**His divine** ***power*** has **granted** to us ***everything*** pertaining to **life** and **godliness**,
through the **true knowledge** of **Him** who ***called us***
by **His** own **glory** and **excellence**. (II Peter 1:3)

B. ***Loving Him*** because **He <u>first</u> loved us**, and **<u>gave</u> His Son's <u>life</u>** for **us** (John 3:16a) (I John 4:9-10)

"For **God so <u>loved</u>** the **world**, that **He <u>gave</u> His** only **begotten <u>Son</u>**,.. (John 3:16a)

By **this** the **<u>love</u> of God** was manifested in us that **God** has **sent**
His only begotten Son into the world so that **we** might **<u>live</u>** ***through*** **Him**.

In this is **love**, ***not*** that **we loved God**, but that **<u>He loved us</u>** and **sent His Son**
to be the **<u>propitiation</u>** for **our sins**. (I John 4:9-10)

C. ***Loving Him*** because of **His <u>inseparable</u> love** for **us** (Romans 8:38-39)

For I am **convinced** that neither **death**, nor **life**, nor **angels**, nor **principalities**,
nor things **present**, nor things **to come**, nor **powers,**

nor **height,** nor **depth,** nor any other **created thing**,
will be able to **<u>separate us</u>** from the **<u>love</u> of God**,
which is in **Messiah Jesus our Lord**. (Romans 8:38-39)

D. ***Loving Him*** because **He** has **made us His <u>children</u>**, and being **our Father**,
<u>loves</u> and **<u>disciplines</u> us** as **<u>sons</u>** (I John 3:1) (Galatians 4:6) (Hebrews 12:5-6, 11)

See how **great a <u>love</u>** the **Father** has bestowed **on us**,
that ***we*** would be called **<u>children</u> of God**; and *such* **<u>we are</u>**. (I John 3:1a)

Because **you** are **<u>sons</u>**, **God** has **sent forth** the **<u>Spirit</u>** of **His Son** into **our hearts**,
crying, **"Abba! Father!"** (Galatians 4:6)

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and you have forgotten the **exhortation** which is addressed to **you as <u>sons</u>**,

"**<u>MY SON</u>**, DO NOT REGARD LIGHTLY THE **<u>DISCIPLINE</u>** OF **THE LORD**,
NOR FAINT WHEN YOU ARE **REPROVED** BY HIM;
FOR ***THOSE*** WHOM **THE LORD <u>LOVES</u> HE <u>DISCIPLINES</u>**,
AND **HE <u>SCOURGES</u>** EVERY **SON** WHOM **HE RECEIVES**."

All <u>discipline</u> for the **moment** seems ***not*** to be **joyfu**l, but ***sorrowful;***
yet to ***those*** who have been **trained** by it, afterwards it yields
the **peaceful fruit** of **<u>righteousness</u>**. (Hebrews 12:5-6, 11)

E. ***Loving Him*** **through** the ***indwelling*** **presence** of **His <u>Holy Spirit</u>** (Romans 5:1, 2b, 5) (I Corinthians 2:12)

Therefore, having been ***justified*** by **faith**, we have **peace** with **God**
through our **Lord Jesus** the **Messiah**,..
and **we exult** in ***hope*** of the **glory of God**...

and ***hope*** does not **disappoin**t, because the **<u>love</u> <u>of God</u>** has been
poured out *within* our **hearts** through the **<u>Holy Spirit</u>** who was **given** to **us.**
(Romans 5:1, 2b, 5)

F. ***Loving Him*** because **we** have **received <u>forgiveness</u>** of **<u>sins</u>** (Psalm 86:5) (Luke 7:44, 47)

Turning toward the **woman**, **He (Jesus)** said to **Simon**, "Do you see this **woman**?
I entered **your house**; you gave **Me <u>no</u> water** for **My feet**,
but **she** has **wet My feet** with **her tears** and **wiped them** with **her hair**...

For this reason I say to you, **her <u>sins</u>**, which **are many**, have been **<u>forgiven</u>**,
for **she <u>loved much</u>**; but he who is **<u>forgiven</u>** ***little,*** **<u>loves</u>** ***little***." (Luke 7:44, 47)

For **You, Lord**, are **good**, and **ready to <u>forgive</u>**,
And abundant in **lovingkindness** to **all** who **call upon You**. (Psalm 86:5)

G. ***Loving Him*** because of **His <u>grace</u>** and **<u>mercy</u>** (Ephesians 2:4-5) (Hebrews 4:16)

But **God,** being ***rich*** **in <u>mercy</u>**, because of **His great love** with which **He loved us**,
even when we were **dead** in our **transgressions**, made us ***alive*** **together**
with **Messiah** (by **<u>grace</u>** you have **been saved**), (Ephesians 2:4-5)

Therefore let us **draw near** with ***confidence*** to the **throne of <u>grace</u>**,
so that **we** may receive **<u>mercy</u>** and find **<u>grace</u>** to help in time of **need**. (Hebrews 4:16)

H. ***Loving Him*** by ***obeying*** **His <u>commands</u>** (John 14:15, 21)

"If you **<u>love Me</u>**, you will **<u>keep</u> My <u>commandments</u>**...

He who has **My <u>commandments</u>** and **<u>keeps</u> them** is the *one* **who <u>loves</u> Me**;
and he who **loves Me** will be **loved *by* My Father**, and **I will love him**
and will **disclose Myself** to him."(John 14:15, 21)

I. ***Loving Him*** by **<u>loving one another</u>** (I John 4:21) (Romans 13:8)

And this **commandment** we have from **Him**, that the ***one*** who **loves God**
should **<u>love</u> his brother also**. (I John 4:21)

Owe nothing to anyone except to **<u>love one another</u>**; for he who **<u>loves</u>**
his neighbor has **<u>fulfilled</u>** ***the*** **law**. (Romans 13:8)

J. ***Loving Him*** more so, as we **experience** ***abiding*** **<u>in Him</u>** who **<u>is love</u>** (I John 4:16)

We have come to **<u>know</u>** and have ***believed*** the **<u>love</u>** which **God has for us**.
<u>God is love</u>, and the one who ***abides*** **<u>in</u> love** ***abides*** **<u>in</u> God**, and **God** *abides* **<u>in</u> him**.
(I John 4:16)

K ***Loving Him*** because of the **future <u>hope</u> He** has for **<u>us</u>** (Jer. 29:11) (I Peter 1:3-4, 8)

For **I know** the ***plans*** that **I have** for **you**,' declares **the LORD**, '***plans*** for **<u>welfare</u>**
and ***not*** for **calamity** to **give you** a **<u>future</u>** and **a <u>hope</u>**. (Jeremiah 29:11)

Blessed be the **God** and **Father** of our **Lord Jesus the Messiah**,
who according to **His great *mercy*** has caused us to be **born again** to a

<u>living hope</u> through the **resurrection** of **Jesus the Messiah** from the **dead**,
to *obtain* an **<u>inheritance</u>** *which is* ***imperishable*** and ***undefiled*** and will **<u>not</u>**
fade away, **<u>reserved</u>** in **heaven** for **you**,..

and though you have **not seen Him (Jesus),** you **<u>love Him</u>**,
and though you do ***not*** **see Him now**, but **believe** in **Him**,
you **greatly rejoice** with **joy inexpressible** and **full of glory**, (I Peter 1:3-4, 8)