

Do You Love Me

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The purpose of the law is love.

Matthew 22:

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.**

Romans 13:

8 Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for **he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law.**

9 For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; and if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

10 Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: **therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.**

God is love. The law is to teach love. God's desire is that we would possess His love and manifest it toward the people of this world. Love describes the ways of God.

Psalms 95:

10 Forty years long was I grieved with this generation, and said, It is a people that do err in their heart, and **they have not known my ways:**

11 Unto whom I swear in my wrath that **they should not enter into my rest.**

When we enter into temptation to be angry or to retaliate against others we need to remember James 1:

13 Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man:

God is not bringing the trial but will use it to strengthen you in love.

The Sabbath rest is to rest in the knowledge of God's love for you.

A just God will not blame a blind man for not being able to see. He will not blame a crippled person for not being able to walk. Neither will He blame a naked person for trying to cover himself.

Romans 3:

25 Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission (passing over) of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;

The Ten commandments describe a law of love. The first four show a love toward God and the last 6 a love toward our neighbor. Because it is the 10 commandments (10 meaning God's understanding) we realize this law is God's understanding of love we are to have in our hearts.

John 21

15 So when they had dined, Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, son of Jonas (**remember from where you have come**), lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my lambs (the babies).

16 He saith to him again the second time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed (**tend**) my sheep.

17 He saith unto him the third time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, Lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus saith unto him, Feed my sheep.

A progression of responsibility: feed the babies milk, tend to the flock, and finally feed my flock.

18 Verily, verily, I say unto thee, When thou wast young, thou girdedst thyself, and walkedst whither thou wouldest: but when thou shalt be old, thou shalt stretch forth thy hands, and another shall gird thee, and carry thee whither thou wouldest not.

19 This spake he, **signifying by what death he should glorify God**. And when he had spoken this, he saith unto him, Follow me.