

Lesson 4

How to manifest our love for God

Jesus' Two Commandments

It is my opinion that all that Jesus teaches, can be summarized in his two commandments, therefore let us jump ahead in the Book of Matthew and discuss those commandments.

But when the Pharisees had heard that he had put the Sadducees to silence, they were gathered together. Then one of them, which was a lawyer, asked him a question, tempting him, and saying, "Master, which is the great commandment in the law?" **Matthew 22:34-36**

Jesus' First Commandment

As Told in the Book of Matthew

Then one of them, which was a lawyer, asked him a question, tempting him, and saying, "Master, which is the great commandment in the law?" 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." This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets. **Matthew 22:37-40**

Do you understand what Jesus is telling us? The Greatest of all the Commandments is not even one of the Ten Commandments, but that we love God with all our heart, soul and mind. I suggest that this being considered by Jesus, the greatest of all the commandments, we should take the time to understand why.

In the above from the Book of Matthew, Jesus is asked a question, "which is the great commandments in the law?" Instead of giving as an answer to the question one of the Ten Commandments, which is the law, Jesus gives as an answer of something that is no part of the Ten Commandments, at least not at first glance. "This is the first and great commandment." To top that

off, Jesus tells us that this, very powerful showing of love for God, is the greatest of all the commandments.

This tells me, that the greatest commandment, as defined by Jesus, is not even one of God's Ten Commandments, but that Jesus wants us to have this powerful showing of love for God. This forces me to wonder, what then is Jesus telling us. What does it mean, or how do we manifest such a powerful love for God. I am left with no choice but to give thought, study and prayer as to what Jesus is attempting to teach us. Do you, the reader, know what Jesus means, or how to manifest this level of love for God?

As Told in the Book of Mark

And one of the scribes came, and having heard them reasoning together, and perceiving that he had answered them well, asked him, "Which is the first commandment of all?" **Mark 12:28**

Here in the Book of Mark, the one asking the question is not a lawyer but a scribe. In this version, the scribe is not tempting Jesus, but has perceived that Jesus had answered another question well, so decides to ask him another question.

And Jesus answered him, "The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord: and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment. And the second is like, namely this, "Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than thesees. **Mark 12:28-31**

The answer that Jesus gives in both versions is essentially the same however.

As Told in the Book of Luke

And, behold, a certain lawyer stood up, and tempted him, saying, "Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He, (Jesus), said unto him, "What is written in the law? How readest thou?" And he, (the lawyer), answering said, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself." And he, (Jesus), said unto him, "Thou hast answered right: this do, and thou shalt live." **Luke 10:25-28**

Once more in Luke the person asking a question is a lawyer, but Luke shows it as the lawyer answering his own question and not Jesus. The question is not the same either. In the first two books the question was, **“What is the great commandment of all?”** In the Book of Luke the question is, **“What shall I do to inherit eternal life?”**

I see Jesus’ response to this lawyer, important. Jesus does not answer the question himself, but gives the lawyer, who is supposed to know the law inside out, to answer the question himself. The lawyer then gives the answer, **“Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself.”**

Where in Scripture?

I consider this important because I want to know, “Where in the books of the Old Testament does it give this answer?” This is a lawyer giving the answer. A lawyer is supposed to be well educated in the Law. Know this, the law of the nation of Israel, at this point in history, includes the Ten Commandments as well as all those other commandments and ordinances written down by Moses. So again I ask you the reader, “Where is it written, that this lawyer could know his answer to be correct?”

The answer to my question will come soon, but let’s first analyze the answer given by Jesus in the first two books.

The question for me is, **“How do you** love God with all your heart, soul, and mind?” Do I just say, **“I love you Lord, God, creator of the universe, and I accept that you came to live amongst us in the flesh of a Man, the Christ Jesus, and for me you are my savior and redeemer?”** There are some that I have talked to that say yes, that is all you have to do and you are saved. They tell me, that in this I will be saved and redeemed by the Grace of Jesus and that I do not have to do anything else as a way of proofing myself or giving demonstration of my love.

This does not seem correct to me however. I am convinced that something more is required as a showing of my love? After all there are several religions, that call themselves Christian, and of course the Jewish and Muslim religions and they all claim that they are the true faith. However, there is only One God, so I have to believe that there can be only one true faith. The true faith, the true way of

worshiping him, has to be the one that he himself has told us of. With this in mind I gave prayer to God, and asked him to show me his truth.

God Defines Love

It has been my experience, since I began my journey in the search of God's Truth, that God quite often gives me answers to my prayers while I am reading the Bible. So I began a diligent study looking forward to his answer, as I searched for where in scripture the lawyer might have found the answer written down.

The question still persists, **“How do I manifest this love,” as asked for in Jesus' First Commandment?** This gives me cause to define Love, as part of researching diligently that which I read in the Bible as told to us in the following verse.

“I love them that love me; and those that seek me early (diligently) shall find me.” **Proverbs 8:17**

The American Heritage dictionary has many different definitions of the word love, but the one that seems best associated with this question is, “To have a deep, tender, ineffable feeling of affection and solicitude toward.”

Wanting to be sure that I understood the definition, I looked up the definition for the word ineffable, which is, “Incapable of being expressed; indescribable or unutterable.” I also decided to look up the word solicitude, just to be certain I understood its meaning, the Dictionary tells us “Solicitude” is “A cause of anxiety or concern.”

With this information, a more complete definition of the word LOVE arises, “To have a deep tender, indescribable, and unutterable feeling of affection and anxiety or concern toward.”

I ask you, the reader, does that definition help you to understand how to manifest your love for God? It doesn't help me all that much. I suggest we look for the meaning of Love, in a biblical

perspective. After all, God and Jesus both tell us to love them, so doesn't it stand to reason that they have told us how to manifest this love?

With All Thy Heart

This is the first part of how to show your love for God. Have you ever given thought as to what it means to love with all your heart? For me it goes as follows: I love my wife of 43 years with all my heart, but how do I manifest this love for her? The words "I Love You," are just hollow words until you fill them with substantive acts. You can tell one hundred people you love them, but until you demonstrate that love in some fashion or other, the words remain hollow. I show my love for my wife every time I caress her hair or kiss her on the neck or just come up to her and give her a hug.

This is how you fill the hollow words with actions. The question arises, "how do you translate this kind of action to God?" You can neither see nor feel God, therefore none of these actions manifest your heart felt love for God.

With All Thy Soul

This is the second part of how Jesus teaches us to love God. Have you ever loved anyone with all your soul, do you even truly know what a soul is? The Bible tells us that God made Man a living soul, not that he gave us a living soul but that he made us a living soul.

*And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul. **Genesis 2:7***

As you can see, God did not give man a living soul but in fact made man a living soul. This tells me that a soul is part of the body and not separate from it. I have, until finding this understanding, assumed that the soul is that which got resurrected and not the body, this tells me I was wrong about that, and it is the body that gets resurrected, in that the soul is part of the body.

This then causes us to ask the question once more, **what is the soul?** In order to understand this I suggest that we compare Man to the other animals established on the Earth during the sixth day of creation. What is different from Man and those other animals that would give perspective as to what a soul is?

My study of the Bible tells me that there is no other animal that walks upon the land of this Earth that God has also given a soul to. Therefore we only need compare the animals to ourselves to determine what a soul might be.

In that God tells us to love him, I have to assume that the capacity to love is an indicator as to having a soul. I could use as comparison man's closest link to the animal kingdom and compare the apes and chimpanzees with man's ability to love, but I have no personal knowledge concerning this so instead I will compare man to the only other animal that I am convinced has the capacity to show love.

Dogs and the Soul

The dog is always given the title as man's best friend. In ancient times this was because of the partnership between man and dog in the hunt for food. In these times when we need only go to the market to acquire food, this relationship has no meaning, however the Dog is still considered man's best friend, because of his companionship to us, and the dogs ability to give such powerful loyalty to their masters. It is this loyalty that I have always associated with a form of love. So I am convinced that the Dog has the potential of feeling love, yet do they in truth feel love? Many other animals show similar capabilities; therefore I wonder if the ability to feel love is an aspect of what a soul is after all, in that God only made Man a living soul.

One aspect of Man that I am convinced is not something that an animal can do is to give cognitive thought as to what it means to love. Though the dog may have the ability to show love, it has no understanding of love or even that it does love, it is merely acting upon instinct. This is not how man feels love; at least this is not how I exhibit love.

Enter into Life

In the Teachings of Jesus, as well as the last six of God's Ten Commandments, God-Jesus teaches us an aspect of love, and that is morality. As part of this lesson Jesus told us the following:

*But if thou wilt enter into life, KEEP the COMMANDMENTS. **Matthew 19:17***

The life that he is referring to is not our mortal life on earth but the eternal life that God offers as a gift for those who show their love for him. Remember, the Meek shall inherit the Earth, and the Meek

are the Saints of God. After the above verse, Jesus then lists five of the Ten Commandments; then again Jesus repeats his second commandment.

Thou shalt do no murder,

Thou shalt not commit adultery,

Thou shalt not steal,

*Thou shalt not bear false witness, **Matthew 19:18***

Honour thy father and thy mother: and,

*Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. **Matthew 19:19***

When you combine this listing of the Ten Commandments with something that God repeats throughout the Bible, you will understand how God gives us definition as to how we are to show our love for him.

*And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments. **Exodus 20:6***

It is in this verse where aspects of the soul are revealed. You see, God is telling us that if we keep his Ten Commandments, then we are showing our love for him. In this God is showing us his capacity of having mercy upon those who keep his commandments, and it is this revealing of his soul that he intends that we love with all our soul.

The word “**Mercy**” is defined by the English dictionary as, One who has compassion, Pity, forgiveness, humanity, generosity towards others. What other animal has in them the ability to exhibit any of these attributes but Man.

In the Image of God

God made Man in his own image; an image need not only be a shape or a form but attributes as well. In that we, like God, have the ability to give compassion, pity, forgiveness, and generosity to others, reveals our soul, just as it does God’s soul. When you also take a look at the six moral imperatives listed in the Ten Commandments, you will see in them aspects of having a soul that the animals do not have. It is these that define what a soul is, and it is the soul that makes us in the image of God.

With all thy mind

The Third part of how Jesus tells us to love God is with our entire mind. The mind is another of the aspects of a man that none of the other animals possess. The brain of man has the capacity to store enormous amounts of data, and then by comparing this data, using cognitive thought, to ascertain meaning and then how to apply that meaning. It is one thing to store data in memory, it is quite another to take that data and know how to make use of it. This is the difference between someone who is educated, and someone who has wisdom.

Loving God with our entire mind is another way of saying that God wants us to love him from our knowledge of him and not by Blind Faith. The more you know about God, the more knowledge of God's True Word which is the Everlasting Gospel of God, the more you will understand what God is all about. It is my opinion, the more you understand and can discern God's truth from Satan's lies the more you will come to love God. Perhaps now you will understand what Jesus is saying when he tells us to love God with all our heart, soul and mind.

Finding where the lawyer got his answer

Through my efforts to give definition to the three parts of giving love to God, I was shown where the lawyer got his answer.

A Quote from Moses

Do you know that this phrase, "*Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind,*" does not originate with Jesus, but that Jesus is in fact giving quote from words written in the Book of Deuteronomy by the hand of Moses, some 1500 years earlier, which is only logical, in that Jesus had the lawyer answer the question himself.

*But if from thence thou shalt seek the Lord thy God, thou shalt find him, if thou seek him with all thy heart and with all thy soul. When thou art in tribulation, and all these things are come upon thee, even in the latter days, if thou turn to the Lord thy God, and shalt be obedient unto his voice: For the Lord thy God is a merciful God; he will not forsake thee, neither destroy thee, nor forget the covenant of thy fathers which he sware unto them. **Deuteronomy4:29-31***

This is not the only place where Moses defines how to manifest your love for God. I included these other verses, because I want to point something I consider important out to you. The phrase, “Even in the latter days,” has meaning for those who call themselves Christian in this the Twenty First Century.

A Lie Refuted

There are many who tell me, that the Ten Commandments were a temporary arrangement between God and the Jews, but that as a Christian you are saved by the Grace of Jesus, and therefore the Ten Commandments do not apply to you.

The above phrase, I feel, shows that belief to be a **LIE**. Moses is telling those not of his time but those of our time that read his words, that in the Latter Days, that when tribulation comes upon us, God will not forget his covenant, and will, if we keep the Commandments of God, will have mercy upon us. This tells me that the Ten Commandments are important and necessary in our worship of God. This is further give support in the following verses.

What Does God Require?

*And now, Israel, what doth the Lord thy God require of thee, but to fear the Lord thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul, To keep the commandments of the Lord, and his statutes, which I command thee this day for thy good? **Deuteronomy 10:12-13***

The phrase, “thou shalt find him, if thou seek him with all thy heart and with all thy soul,” tells me that God requires more from us than to just seeking him diligently, as in study and research, but that we must look for God with the full desire of finding his truth and with the intent of giving worship to him when we do find him. If you study the Bible for the purpose of understanding God’s truth, you may find his truth, but unless your search is not just for the truth but to find God himself, you will not find him, except as a result of understanding his truth.

How I Found God

I am not sure I am getting across what I intend, so let me give you a perspective in my personal search for the truth. My Cousin is an ordained minister, and he would often time quote from the Bible,

and then give definition of what the quote meant. I was not versed in the Bible, yet somehow I knew that his definitions were not always correct. I attempted to explain what the verses in fact said, but without the education in scripture that my Cousin has, he smiled at me as a wise old man would towards a young child. This frustration in my lack of knowledge led me to study and search for the true meaning of Bible scripture.

You see, I didn't begin with the desire to find God, only to find truth that would show my Cousin his error. After several months I did find much of God's truth, but I still felt like there was something missing. It was then that I began to pray to God for direction, not just in my study, but also in my life. Once I turned to God in prayer, which is a form of worship, God took pity on me. Through God's direction I thus found God as well as his truth, and my life has not been the same since. I now know not only God's truth, but that God is real, alive, and that he created all that is, including me. I know this not from blind faith but from obtained knowledge. With this knowledge, I have dedicated the rest of my life to the service of God, in whatever way that he God gives me direction.

I hope you now have a greater knowledge of what **Deuteronomy 10:12-13** is talking about as revealed from a personal account of mine.

In Tribulation

The phrase, "*When thou art in tribulation,*" refers to any time of sorrow or hard times, if you look to God, he will be there to give you comfort. More specifically however, it is a reference to the time of tribulation that the Jews endured during their captivity in Babylon, and to the time of tribulation that the Christians endured under the Emperors of the Roman Empire and then latter under the torchers and deaths committed by the Church of Rome during the 1260 years of the Dark Ages, as well as to the Great Tribulation that Jesus tells us will occur in the End of Days.

In Latter Days

The phrase, "*even in the latter days,*" is a reference to the End of Days, which begin when the prophesies of Jesus, from the Books of Matthew and Revelation, begin to come to pass, which is to say, that even if you are not of God before the tribulation of the End of Days, it is still not too late for you to repent your sins and ask God for forgiveness.

Obedient to his Voice

The phrase, “*shalt be obedient unto his voice,*” is instructing us that we must obey the laws of God, which are the Ten Commandments, as well as the rest of God’s Holy Gospel. It also means that what God speaks, his Holy Gospel is the truth, and if we accept his word as truth, and therefore realize that if God did not speak it, it is a lie, and then we will be obedient unto his voice.

What Does God Require of Us?

The phrase, “*what doth the Lord thy God require of thee,*” which is the original question I asked, “*What more must I do to be redeemed than to simply say that Jesus is my Savior?*”

The answer to this question is, “*but to fear the Lord thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul, **To keep the commandments of the Lord,** and his statutes, which I command thee this day for thy good?*”

To Fear the Lord thy God

“*To fear the Lord thy God,*” has more to do with fearing yourself, than to be in fear of God. If your obedient to the Commandments of God, then you have nothing to fear from him, but if you are lax in your obedience and your worship, then you do have something to fear. But it is you and your actions that will bring about God’s wrath upon you, so it is yourself you should fear that you do not slip from the path of righteousness.

You should also know that the phrase “*Fear the Lord*” does not only mean to be afraid. The English word “*Fear*” is defined as: to be in terror of, to dread, anxiety, horror, distress, fright. But to be in *Fear of God* is best understood when you go to the original Hebrew word for its definition. The Hebrew word, “*Yare*” does give the same definitions as the English word but one other aspect that the English omits and that is Reverence. To have “*Reverence*” for someone is to have respect, admiration, worship, awe, veneration, and devotion. So you can see, to fear the Lord God is to give worship and respect for God not only to be frightened of him.

All His Ways

The phrase, “to walk in all his ways,” is another way of saying, to take the morality of God and to make it your own. The six moral imperatives listed in the Ten Commandments as well as the morality taught by Jesus, are the ways of God, and are a reflection of his personality, moral character, and his honor. So when you embrace the morality of God and make it your morality, then you walk in all the ways of the Lord.

Take note: the phrase above, “even in the latter days,” is a reference to the End of Days, which I am convinced, we are now living in. The word “Tribulation,” refers to a great war and its dire aftermath, which Jesus speaks about in the Book of Revelation.

A Quote from Moses

When Jesus gave us his two commandments, he was quoting from the above verses. Therefore Jesus’ First Commandment is not his at all but was written by Moses, at the behest of God of course, so I guess you could say that they are the words of God, but given to Moses to write down 1500 plus years before Jesus first spoke them. It is in this that God reveals how the words of the Old Testament are just as necessary for Christians to study as are the words of the New Testament, and how the Ten Commandments are as important for Christians as they were for the original Israelites.

If you read the verses leading up to and after these, both in chapter 4 and chapter 10, of the Book of Deuteronomy, you will find the context as to what Moses was talking about which gave rise to his writing these words. The very first verse of Chapter 4, also pretty much sums up the context as to what Moses was speaking of.

Now therefore hearken, O Israel, unto the statutes and unto the judgments, which I teach you, for to do them, that ye may live, and go in and possess the land which the Lord God of your fathers giveth you. **Deuteronomy 4:1**

Moses is speaking of teaching the people of Israel, the statutes and unto the judgments, which are the laws of Moses written by his hand, but also in this context represents all the laws of God including the Ten Commandments. This will become evident as you continue to study your Bible.

Worship as God Commands

In my estimation, the following is extremely important to anyone who truly wishes to worship God as he commands that we worship him. It is my firm understanding that if you do not worship God as he commands then you do not worship God at all. This is given support in the following verse.

*Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish aught from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the Lord your God which I command you. **Deuteronomy 4:2***

This is something I have been saying all along, though I say it using different words. “You must worship God as he commands neither adding to nor subtracting from how he commands that we must worship him, to worship in any other manner is to not worship the God of creation but some other invention of your own.” **Do not put words into the mouth of God.**

Do Not Forget God’s Miracles

*Only take heed to thyself, and keep thy soul diligently, lest thou forget the things which thine eyes have seen, and lest they depart from thy heart all the days of thy life: but teach them thy son, and thy sons’ sons; **Deuteronomy 4:9***

In these verses, Moses warns the Israelites to keep the laws of God. In that the God of Israel is the same God that is the Christ, who came to Earth in the flesh of a man, Jesus, this then tells me that this warning applies to we who follow the teaching of Jesus, just as much as it applied to them in the days of Moses. In that Jesus himself is pointing to this that was written by Moses, and the context of what Moses was talking about, is therefore the context that Jesus is pointing to, and that context is to keep the Ten Commandments and in doing this you manifest your love of all your heart, soul, and mind for God.

Moses gives warning, **“take heed to thyself.”** means to remember all those things that God has shown you, and keep the laws that God has given you. Even though you and I did not see God part the Red Sea, we know it happened and we can see it from the words written in the Bible. Therefore, when Moses tells the Israelites to remember those things that they saw, he is also telling us to remember them as well.

An Israelite Defined

An “Israelite” can be defined as, those who keep the commandments of God. Do not get that mix up with an Israeli, or a Jew, for they are citizens of the Nation of Israel. An Israelite is one who over comes their sins and repents, just as Jacob did, which is why God named him Israel, and why those who keep the commandments of God are Israelites and not necessarily Jews.

To “keep thy soul diligently,” tells me that the work of keeping the laws and ordinances of God is not easy, therefore you must work “diligently” at preventing yourself from forgetting them and breaking them. This is the path of righteousness. You must also make yourself aware that Satan is a liar, and will deceive you with his lies if you do not diligently search for God’s truth. If it is not written in the scripture of the Bible then it is not of God. If it is not of God then it must be of Satan, for he is the prince of lies.

Jesus’ Second Commandment

*And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. **Matthew 22:39***

This verse is not a standalone commandment but has a qualifier, “like unto it,” which ties it to Jesus’ First Commandment. When you understand the first commandment, you will then understand fully the second.

As with the First Commandment the words, “Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.” Also applies to Jesus’ Second Commandment. In another verse you will find these words written:

*And the Lord thy God will make thee plenteous in every work of thine hand, in the fruit of thy body, and in the fruit of thy cattle, and in the fruit of thy land, for good: for the Lord will again rejoice over thee for good, as he rejoiced over thy fathers: If thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to keep his commandments and his statutes which are written in this book of the law, and if thou turn unto the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul. **Deuteronomy 30:10***

This then gives definition as to how to manifest your love for God, that the first commandment of Jesus encompasses the entirety of the Ten Commandments. In that Jesus refers to his first

commandment as, “This is the first and great commandment,” should tell those who think that only “Love thy Neighbour,” is needed are wrong. Jesus himself puts more emphasis on his first Commandment than he does his second.

Like Unto It

As I said, the key to understanding the second commandment of Jesus is the phrase, “like unto it.” This means that as Jesus showed his love for us in his First Commandment, by teaching us how to worship and show our love for God, which is defined by the keeping of the Ten Commandments, therefore “like unto it,” you show your love for your neighbor in the second commandment of Jesus, by teaching your neighbors how to worship God. In other words, you carry on the works of Jesus, “teaching others how to worship and love God,” by showing your neighbors how to come to God. This is understood best by the word “Evangelist,” which is to say that Jesus is calling all who are converted to the true and correct worship of God that it is their job to show others the way as well.

Jesus restates his two commandments in the following verses, which I see as a way of expanding upon those that I have just shown.

Love Your Enemies

*But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; **Matthew 5:44***

*That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust. **Matthew 5:45***

If you love those who hate you, then you are achieving that pinnacle of moral stature which God himself has. Remember, despite our sins, God will still forgive us and love us if we just repent our sins and ask him for forgiveness. Therefore, should we do anything less of those who sin against us?

Jesus Says:

For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? Do not even the publicans the same?

Matthew 5:46

To love only those who love you, is easy. There is no test of your moral character in doing so. When you love those who hate you, then your true inner soul is revealed.

The Publicans were the tavern keepers, but primarily, it was a reference to the Tax Collectors. In that Tax Collectors are thought of in the same company as Tavern keepers, shows just how little they were regarded in the time of Christ. Though they were generally Jews, they worked for the hated Roman Empire, they were Roman collaborators, if you will.

What Christ is saying here, is if the Publicans, love their neighbors, yet hate those who hate them, then for you to do the same, makes you no better than they. Only by loving those who hate you, do you rise yourself above them, and closer to being one with God.

Jesus Says:

*And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more than others? Do not even the publicans so? Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect. **Matthew 5:47-48***

I remember when I was a child, someone, I don't remember who, responded to this verse by saying, "How can Man be perfect like God, we are no God?" That is true, we are no God, but God made us in his own image, therefore we do have the potential of being perfect in our morality as is God. Only by striving to fulfill this ideal of loving those who hate and abuse you, can perfection be obtained. This is as God your Father in Heaven is. Does not God forgive those who disobey him, which is how they show their hatred for him? If you believe that God will forgive you your sins, then as the son is part of the father, you need to forgive those who hate you. In so doing, you bring yourself closer to the same personality and character that God has.

The Eleventh Commandment

There are many that feel that the Second commandment of Jesus should be the Eleventh Commandment of God. Remember, God wrote the Ten Commandments upon stone tables, that they might last forever, but the Commandment, Love thy Neighbour as thy self, is only a temporary commandment. There will come a time when only those who worship God as he commands will be left. All those that worship by Satan's False Gospel will be removed from the earth. At that time, everyone will already know and love God, so the commandment to love our neighbor by showing them the path to

God will be no longer be needed, which is to say that it is temporary whereas the Ten Commandments are forever. This is supported this in the following verse.

*And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for they will all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them saith the Lord: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more. **Jeremiah 31:34***

You see, 600 plus years before the birth of Jesus, Jeremiah tells us that Jesus' second commandment no longer will have purpose, because, in the end, all that will be left of Man will be those who keep the Commandments of God, and will thereby already know God, intimately and personally.

Till Heaven and Earth Pass

*For verily I say unto you, "Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled. **Matthew 5:18***

So you see, Jesus is telling us that the Ten Commandments are forever, and that no part of the Ten Commandments will pass from the law. Also remember, it is not for us (Man) to change or amend God's Laws, only God has that right and authority. For us to change anything that God himself has established is to make us no better than Satan. God gives us warning of this in:

Do Not Add to nor Diminish

*Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish aught from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the Lord your God which I command you. **Deuteronomy 4:2***

The Ten Commandments a Mirror

Consider this: The Ten Commandments are like a mirror. When you look in the mirror, you can see if your hair is messed up, or your tie is on straight, etc. In other words, you can see if you are presentable to go out in public. The Ten Commandments are like a mirror, in that they reveal to you any iniquities you may have that would keep you apart from your father in Heaven. To God, sin is as obnoxious and substantive as is a toxic waste dump is to us. Only by keeping yourself clean of sin are you presentable to enter before the Lord God, your Father. Only by knowing and understanding the Ten

Commandments will you be able to look at yourself and know if you are free of sin, or if you have inequities.

Be it known, that in the End of Days and after the thousand year reign of Jesus, the need to love your neighbor, by teaching them about Jesus will become obsolete, because all who are at that time will already know Jesus, personally and intimately, and it will not be necessary for you to tell them about him, which is to say, that Jesus' Second Commandment will be obsolete. The first Ten Commandments however will still be required. Therefore, keeping only Jesus' second commandment and not the other of God's ten is contrary to the will of God.

How God Commands we Worship Him

There is something you should keep in mind, the first four of the Ten Commandments, has to do with how we are to present ourselves before God, a showing of respect, and of placing the true God, our Creator, above all others, in short, **“How to worship God.”** For me, this answers the question, **“how does God command us to worship him?”**

The first four commandments are the basis for how God commands us to worship him.

1. Thou shalt have no other gods before me.
2. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image.
3. Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain.
4. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy;

The next six have to do with how we interact with one another, but they also reveals the moral personality, character and honor of God.

5. Honour thy father and thy mother.
6. Thou shalt not kill.
7. Thou shalt not commit adultery.
8. Thou shalt not steal.
9. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.
10. Thou shalt not covet.

The Fourth Commandment, which begins with the word **“Remember,”** does not sound like a Command, does it. **“Remember.”** There is nothing commanding about the word remember. But when you get past that word, you find that the rest is a command. I interpret this as God telling us, **if you love me, if you choose to worship me, you must do so as I tell you.** So if you Love Me, Keep my Commandments, and “Remember the Sabbath.” If you keep all the rest of Gods commandments, but do not keep the Sabbath exactly as God has commanded, then you do not worship God at all, but the false god, who established the Sunday Sabbath, through his anti-Christ.

Who or What is the anti-Christ

I am sure you are asking the question, “Isn’t the anti-Christ someone who will arise in the end of days; the Sunday Sabbath has been around for centuries, so what does the anti-Christ have to do with the Sunday Sabbath?”

All my life I have been told stories, depicting verses in the Bible, that gave meaning to those verses. Since I began this diligent study of the Bible I have discovered many of those stories gave false meaning. Words have meaning, and when you put their true meaning to them, especially in the Bible, a different meaning is quite often the result from what I had been given to understand they meant. This is due to the lies and deceptions of Satan and his anti-Christ. The meaning as God originally spoke the words has been polluted and corrupted by Satan’s lies, which give an altered interpretation to that which God intended. So you will know, in doing this, Satan has sinned against the Holy Ghost. The Holy Ghost is the living word of God. To change the word or the meaning of the word to something that does not convey God’s intended meaning, is to take that which was the word of God and the truth, and turn it into a lie, and no longer the word of God, which is an unforgivable sin against the Holy Ghost.

God’s Truth is misunderstood

Prophesies relating to the End of Days, are misunderstood. The anti-Christ is not a person that arises in the last seven years prior to the Second Advent of Jesus. This story is from a misinterpretation of the Book of Daniel, and Revelation. I will show you the true meaning of these End of Times and End of Days Prophesies, in latter lessons, but not yet. Let us continue with the theme of how to worship God, as he has commanded us to do so.

Consider this however; if Satan wants to prevent us from knowing God, what better way of doing so, than to establish a religion that looks like Gods, sounds like Gods, yet is not Gods? By altering the words and meaning in the Bible, Satan has established a False Gospel, which is why God tells us to seek him diligently if we want to know God and his truth.

The Laws of Morality

The Fifth through Tenth Commandments are the laws of **Morality**, which we were looking for, to help us define the word **“Morality”** biblically. If we as moral people observe these six commandments, you are halfway to showing your love and therefore your worship for God.

This question is more involved than might be first suspected however. Throughout history, there have been many religions, which require all or some of these six morality commandments. Therefore, how do you show that you worship the one true God, and not a false god, requires more of you than just observing these six commandments. Do you know the phrase: *“You are not saved by your works alone?”* It is the keeping of the Six Commandments of Morality and striving to make those moral imperatives yours that constitutes the meaning of the word **“works”** as it is used in this phrase.

Consider this, and decide for yourself if it is true or false. All religions that have ever existed in the history of man, save the one practiced by the patriarchs of the Jewish faith and then the children of Jacob, were established and supported by Satan. There is only one God; therefore there can be only one true faith. If it is not the true faith, then it is of Satan, not God.

The House of God

*In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. **John 14:2***

*And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive ye unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. **John 14:3***

*And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know. **John 14:4***

Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not wither thou goest; and how can we know the way?

John 14:5

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. **John 14:6**

The Parable of the Large House

Consider this: you own a very large house, which you live in. You decide to invite others to join you, and come live in your house with you. Would you not want only those who had similar values as you to live in your house with you?

To continue the above consideration, a man comes to your door asking that he might come live with you. He has a cigarette in his mouth, but you do not smoke, he has the smell of alcohol on his breath, but you do not drink. Would you want to have this man, with his smelly tobacco come into your home, and pollute it with his smoke, ashes, and their smell?

To God, sin is as disgusting and obnoxious as this man's cigarette is to you. As you, a non-smoker would refuse this man to live in your house, unless he first gave up smoking, why would you expect God, to allow those who have not given up sin from entering and living in his house.

Defining Sin

If you are not sure what "**SIN**" is, it is *the act of being in disobedience to God*, or more precisely, you commit a sin when you break anyone of the Ten Commandments of God. There are other sins, not listed in the Ten Commandments, but they have to do with sinning against the other lessor ordinances written by the hand of man, (Moses), and sins against the Holy Ghost.

God has put out an invitation that we come live with him in his house, but reserved the right to refuse those who have not accepted and live by his laws, and thereby have shown disrespect for God, which is the same thing as showing that they do not love God.

God has insisted that you put no other god before him, as stated in the first three of the Ten Commandments. The last six of the Ten Commandments even the requirement that you Honor your

mother and father, which have to do with morality, are often times a requirement of other religions and not only of the True God, therefore, how do you know that you are worshiping the true God, and not being deceived by Satan?

You say wait a minute, if in my heart I am praying to the one true god, then I am praying to the one true god. That sounds good, but I suggest that unless you know the True God personally and intimately, how can you be sure you are worshiping the creator, and not deceived into worshiping a false god instead?

Observing the Ten Commandments is a key component to getting to know God personally and intimately. This is why Satan will have you believe that the Ten Commandments have been fulfilled to the point of rendering them obsolete by Jesus, if Satan can prevent you from knowing and understanding what they represent and what they mean, then you will not know who God is, then alone how to worship him.

The Elixir to Satan's Lies

Bible scripture is the elixir of Satan's lies and deceptions. If what you believe cannot be found in the scripture in the Bible, then it most likely must be false. I mean the true meaning of the words, not the traditional meaning of the verses we have been given to believe to be true. Satan has had 2000 years to give false interpretations of the meaning to the words. Only by digging for the true meaning, by researching them **diligently** for yourself, will you fully be assured that you understand what God is saying to you, and not the lies and deceptions of Satan. To do this you need a Bible, a Bible Concordance, and to be unashamed of giving prayer to God to ask him for his guidance.

The Fourth Commandment is the commandment of LOVE, which answers the question, how do you manifest your love for the true God? How does observing the Sabbath manifest your love and worship for the one true God? Only the one true God demands that you observe a day of rest on the Seventh day of the week, because it is he who created a seven day week. Except for God causing the Moon to orbit the Earth as it does, there would be nothing else in the heavens that would give cause for us to observe a seven day week. The Sabbath is just as much a part of creation as is the universe we live in. It is because God created us, that he derives his authority to demand our worship. It is because God

created the Sabbath at the same time he created the universe, that he requires we keep his Seventh Day Sabbath and no other.

Observing the Sabbath

The Sabbath is a day of refreshment, from the prior six days of labor, and a day of reflection and communion with God. It is the one day a week when God would enter into the Garden of Eden and commune with Adam and Eve. Only the God of creation asks that you keep the Sabbath on a specific day and a specific time. Why a specific day and time, you might ask? Because that specific day and time, goes together with his being the creator, and in its observance, you are working six days as did the Lord, and you rest on the seventh day, as did the Lord. This places you into communion with God, and gives you an intimate knowledge of what God went through in his labors of creation.

The fourth commandment has everything to do with the fact that God is the Creator. Only he created the universe. There is no other God, and therefore there is no other who has the power or the glory to bring about the creation of all things. It took God Seven days to create the Sabbath; the universe only took six days to create.

*For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it. **Exodus 20:11***

This verse, above all else, explains in Gods own words, why we must keep his commandments and especially his Sabbath. The fourth commandment is a symbolism of the seven days of creation, that in six he labored to bring about the creation of the universe, as do we labor to keep food on our table and a roof over our heads, and on the seventh day he rested as must we if we love God as he God defines love.

God Speaks of Love

*I love them that love me; and those that seek me early (diligently) shall find me. Riches and honour are with me; yea, durable riches and righteousness. My fruit is better than gold, yea, than fine gold; and my revenue than choice silver, that I may cause those that love me to inherit substance; and I will fill their treasures. **Proverbs 8:17-21***

I include these verses from Proverbs to show you that those who love God, and obey him, by keeping his commandments, will inherit substance and treasures, far greater than can be obtained in this short life on Earth. One of those treasures is Life Eternal.

God sanctified and then hallowed the Seventh Day of the week, specifically to show that it is important to him that only that day can be observed as the Sabbath. In doing so he made the seventh day of the week **holy**. God has made no other day of the week holy, therefore, if you observe Sunday which is the first day of the week, as the Sabbath, and Sunday not being a holy day, then your observance of the Sabbath is unholy.

It is the Seventh Day Sabbath that is the essence of who God is. He proclaims his authority, from the fact that he is the creator. The observance of the Sabbath on the day that he sanctified and made holy, is your acknowledgement of his authority, that you accept him and only him as your God. It is Gods intent that we will keep his laws, the Ten Commandments, written on our hearts. In keeping them it will make them a part of us and who we are, impossible for us to forget then alone to break.