

PORTRAIT ^{OF} THE KING

“A Theological Question About the Law”

Mathew 22:34-40

INTRODUCTION

- This is not the first time Jesus has been challenged (Matthew 19:3, 7; 21:23; 22:17, 27).

- *KEY POINT: If you love _____, you will love your _____. And if you love your _____, you are loving _____.*

EXPOSITION

1. A lawyer _____ a question about the Law (vs. 34-36).
 - Who was this lawyer?

 - 613 laws

2. Jesus gives a _____ answer (vs. 37-39).
 - Cf. Deuteronomy 6:4-9

- A good example of *agape* love is John 3:16.

- Cf. John 14:23-24; I John 2:5; I Corinthians 13:4-7

- To love with...
 - a. one's _____ is to love with one's core duties and affections.
 - b. one's _____ is to give every emotion to God.
 - c. one's _____ is the idea of working vigorously in our thoughts and intellect to think on God.

- Loving one's neighbor is a genuine mark of salvation (I John 3:17; 4:12, 16-21)

- 3. Jesus _____ the implication of this truth (vs. 40).
 - Cf. Matthew 7:12; Mark 12:32-34

CONCLUSION

TAKE IT A STEP FURTHER

- 1) Make a list of spiritual disciplines.
- 2) Explain how each of those disciplines is a way to either love God or your neighbor.
- 3) Book Recommendation – *Love Your God with All Your Mind* by J.P. Moreland