

THE GREATEST SIN IN THE WORLD
Matthew 22: 34-40

Introduction:

You may ask, I do not read here about the greatest sin in the world. Well, people commit it constantly and are not guilty nor even conscious of it. May the Lord speak to us all today.

Message:

A lawyer tempting Christ asked Him the question... (vs. 35-36).

- I. The Lord had paraphrased the law. He did not seek to destroy it but to fulfill. He must say in simple terms to understand the law so that men will realize that it cannot save. In verse 37, we have the paraphrase of the first four commandments and in verse 39, we have the other six of the commandments. The first four deal with our relationship with God and the remaining six deal with our relationship with men. Yet verse 39 is dependent on the first. You cannot properly have a proper relationship with men that will please God if you will not have a proper relationship with God.
- II. There is only one great commandment (vs. 37-38). This commandment concerns Love for God. Yet this love for God can never be known by men if the Lord did not reveal it to us (John 3: 16) (I John 4: 16, 19).
 - A. How should we love God?
 1. "With all thy heart" – He commands us to yield to Him all our heart's affection. Get rid on what we feel toward other that complete our love for God (He is a jealous God).
 2. "With all thy soul" – we are to love God with all our life, to love him more than our life, we would rather give up our life than give up our love of God. But we find today that people love their life more than God.
 3. "With all thy mind" our intellect must be subject to Him, we must cry for His wisdom. All our mental powers must bow at God's feet in love. Today, it is education that many times let people drift away from God.
 - B. Our love for God must be on the basis of our relationship with God as our Savior and Lord (I John 4: 14-18).
 1. We must testify that Jesus was sent by God to be my Savior (v.14).
 2. We must confess that Jesus is the Son of God (v.15a).

- 3. We must know that God dwells in us (v.15b).
- 4. We must believe that His love takes away our fears
- C. As there is a command to love God, there is also a command to repent and Be saved – there and then only can we have this proper relationship with God and because of this, we can begin to love our neighbors.

III. There is only one great result (v.39) –
LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR (I John 4: 19-21).

- A. This is a clear evidence of God’s love in you (v.20).
- B. This is also a clear manifestation of conversion.

There is nothing in our nature to desire God’s love. Unless the Lord

Does not reveal His love to you through His Word, you cannot properly love Him and even love your neighbor.

The reason why we have so many crimes today against morality, Chastity, and properly because they refuse to believe God’s Word.

IV. The opposite of this one great commandment is the one greatest sin – refusing to love God as revealed in His Word. When you are not able to fulfill this great commandment then you have committed this greatest sin.

But there was one who fulfilled all of these perfectly and through Him, we can

in Fulfill it too! Jesus Christ – the object of God’s love and refusing to believe Him as your Savior and forgiver of your sins makes you a candidate for Everlasting fire.

This greatest sin and the sin of unbelief are together and they are one.

Conclusion:

The formula of loving God is in His Word shall we today commit our life to Him. Make Him the Lord of our hearts, the Savior of our souls, and the master of our minds. That is the only way, to say I have God’s love and I love Him.

Invitation: