

## With All I Am, Part I

Matthew 22:34-40, Mark 12:28-34, Luke 10:25-28

Introduction: How many love languages does God have? What are the two foremost important love languages of God our Father?

[Matthew 23:34-40](#),<sup>34</sup> But when the Pharisees heard that He had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together.<sup>35</sup> Then one of them, a lawyer, asked *Him a question*, testing Him, and saying,<sup>36</sup> "Teacher, which *is* the great commandment in the law?"

<sup>37</sup> Jesus said to him, "'You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.'<sup>38</sup> This is *the* first and great commandment.<sup>39</sup> And *the* second *is* like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'<sup>40</sup> On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."

[Mark 12:28-34](#),<sup>28</sup> Then one of the scribes came, and having heard them reasoning together, perceiving that He had answered them well, asked Him, "Which is the first commandment of all?"

<sup>29</sup> Jesus answered him, "The first of all the commandments *is*: 'Hear, O Israel, the LORD our God, the LORD is one.<sup>30</sup> And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.' This *is* the first commandment.<sup>31</sup> And the second, like *it*, *is* this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

<sup>32</sup> So the scribe said to Him, "Well *said*, Teacher. You have spoken the truth, for there is one God, and there is no other but He.<sup>33</sup> And to love Him with all the heart, with all the understanding, with all the soul, and with all the strength, and to love one's neighbor as oneself, is more than all the whole burnt offerings and sacrifices."

<sup>34</sup> Now when Jesus saw that he answered wisely, He said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God."

But after that no one dared question Him.

[Luke 10:25-28](#),<sup>25</sup> And behold, a certain lawyer stood up and tested Him, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?"

<sup>26</sup> He said to him, "What is written in the law? What is your reading *of it*?"

<sup>27</sup> So he answered and said, "'You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,' and 'your neighbor as yourself.'"

<sup>28</sup> And He said to him, "You have answered rightly; do this and you will live."

1.Obedience: Our Father feels loved, respected, and revered most when we obey His commands. When we obey His commands, we live and thrive and in our Father's grace, our obedience causes others around us to benefit, live, and thrive as well. As a matter of fact, if everyone around the world believes in Jesus Christ the Son of God and obey His teachings with their whole being, our world would be called heaven on earth. God ALWAYS gives us commands that is good and beneficial for us. Obeying God's command gives us true abundant life in Him.

1 John 5:1-5 (NLT), Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has become a child of God. And everyone who loves the Father loves his children, too. <sup>2</sup> We know we love God's children if we love God and obey his commandments. <sup>3</sup> Loving God means keeping his commandments, and his commandments are not burdensome. <sup>4</sup> For every child of God defeats this evil world, and we achieve this victory through our faith. <sup>5</sup> And who can win this battle against the world? Only those who believe that Jesus is the Son of God.

John 14:15, 20-21, <sup>15</sup> "If you love Me, keep My commandments... <sup>20</sup> At that day you will know that I *am* in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup> He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him."

Luke 6:43-49, <sup>43</sup> "For a good tree does not bear bad fruit, nor does a bad tree bear good fruit. <sup>44</sup> For every tree is known by its own fruit. For *men* do not gather figs from thorns, nor do they gather grapes from a bramble bush. <sup>45</sup> A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart brings forth evil. For out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks. <sup>46</sup> "But why do you call Me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do the things which I say? <sup>47</sup> Whoever comes to Me, and hears My sayings and does them, I will show you whom he is like: <sup>48</sup> He is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently against that house, and could not shake it, for it was founded on the rock. <sup>49</sup> But he who heard and did nothing is like a man who built a house on the earth without a foundation, against which the stream beat vehemently; and immediately it fell. And the ruin of that house was great."

2.Trust: Our Father feels loved, respected, and revered most when we trust in His words and what He says in the Bible. Again, Our Father in heaven always wants what is best for us. Trusting in His words will free us from the sins that entangles and eventually imprison us. Pertaining to bring God glory, One of Jesus' purpose in coming into this world is to free us from our prison. This is a continual process

(sanctification) that takes place inside of us and eventually is manifested outwardly in our life and ministries..."For a good tree does not bear bad fruit, nor does a bad tree bear good fruit. <sup>44</sup> For every tree is known by its own fruit...(Luke 43-44)

Isaiah 61:1-4, Luke 4:16-22, The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners,

<sup>2</sup> to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn,

<sup>3</sup> and provide for those who grieve in Zion—to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes the oil of joy instead of mourning and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair.

They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the LORD for the display of his splendor.

<sup>4</sup> They will rebuild the ancient ruins and restore the places long devastated; they will renew the ruined cities that have been devastated for generations.

John 8:31-35, <sup>31</sup> Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. <sup>32</sup> And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

<sup>33</sup> They answered Him, "We are Abraham's descendants, and have never been in bondage to anyone. How *can* You say, 'You will be made free?'"

<sup>34</sup> Jesus answered them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin. <sup>35</sup> And a slave does not abide in the house forever, *but* a son abides forever. <sup>36</sup> Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.

Proverbs 3:5-6, Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding;

<sup>6</sup> In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths.

**Life application and HC bible study:** 1. List and describe 2 ways God has helped you love Him more this year than last year. \_\_\_\_\_

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2. List and describe two things you want God to help you love Him more now and this coming year. \_\_\_\_\_

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