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February 3 – Matthew 22:34-23:12

But when the Pharisees heard that He had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. ³⁵ Then one of them, a lawyer, asked Him a question, testing Him, and saying, ³⁶ “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?” ³⁷ Jesus said to him, “ ‘You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ ³⁸ This is the first and great commandment. ³⁹ And the second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ ⁴⁰ On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.” ⁴¹ While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, ⁴² saying, “What do you think about the Christ? Whose Son is He?” They said to Him, “ The Son of David.” ⁴³ He said to them, “How then does David in the Spirit call Him ‘Lord,’ saying: ⁴⁴ ‘The LORD said to my Lord, “ Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool”’ ⁴⁵ If David then calls Him ‘Lord,’ how is He his Son?” ⁴⁶ And no one was able to answer Him a word, nor from that day on did anyone dare question Him anymore.

23 Then Jesus spoke to the multitudes and to His disciples, ² saying: “The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses’ seat. ³ Therefore whatever they tell you to observe, that observe and do, but do not do according to their works; for they say, and do not do. ⁴ For they bind heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on men’s shoulders; but they themselves will not move them with one of their fingers. ⁵ But all their works they do to be seen by men. They make their phylacteries broad and enlarge the borders of their garments. ⁶ They love the best places at feasts, the best seats in the synagogues, ⁷ greetings in the marketplaces, and to be called by men, ‘Rabbi, Rabbi.’ ⁸ But you, do not be called ‘Rabbi’; for One is your Teacher, the Christ, and you are all brethren. ⁹ Do not call anyone on earth your father; for One is your Father, He who is in heaven. ¹⁰ And do not be called teachers; for One is your Teacher, the Christ. ¹¹ But he who is greatest among you shall be your servant. ¹² And whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.

OKAY, HERE’S MY TEACHING COMMENTARY

I want us to focus in on Jesus answer to the question of the lawyer that was a Pharisee. This man came testing Jesus with the question which is the great commandment in the law? Why was this a test? Because if Jesus answered incorrectly they would have something to use as leverage against him to discredit him and his ministry. But Jesus answered with the same word that he inspired to be written: ‘You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”

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This comes directly from Deuteronomy 6:4-5. This means we recognize God for who he is, the creator of the universe and the one who gave us our existence. We should love God with entire being because he alone is worthy to be loved supremely and wholeheartedly. Then Jesus says that were to love our neighbor as ourselves. This is how God wants us to treat everyone around us. The way we would like to be treated by everyone else. Show love and respect for other people and people love and respect you.

Jesus said on these two commandments hang all the law on the prophets. This means that everything that was taught by Moses and all the prophets can be consolidated into these 2 commandments of loving God with our entire being and our neighbor as ourselves. Imagine what the world would be like if everyone followed these two commandments. There would be no more idolatry because the whole world would acknowledge the one and true living God. There would be no more hatred or wars among nations because all people would treat each other with love and respect. The one place on earth where people should see these two laws manifested is in the church of the living God among the people of God loving the Lord with all their hearts living lives dedicated to him and loving people with God's love, agape love.

Then Jesus asks the Pharisees a question. "What do you think about the Christ? Whose Son is He?" They said to Him, "The Son of David." He said to them, "How then does David in the Spirit call Him 'Lord,' saying: 'The LORD said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool"' If David then calls Him 'Lord,' how is He his Son?" Jesus is getting these religious people to think. Jesus was in fact the promised Messiah, the son of David, the Lord standing right in front of them and they didn't recognize him for who he was! So Jesus is rattling their cage by challenging them to think through what the Bible says prophetically. King David had a revelation by the Spirit of God. In Psalm 110 is where we find the Scripture that Jesus is quoting saying the Lord said to my Lord in other words the Messiah saying to King David sit at my right hand until I make your enemies your footstool. So Jesus asked the question, if David then calls him Lord how is he his Son? It could only mean that the Messiah would not only come from the natural seed of David's lineage but also be the divine Son of God.

The Bible says no one could answer him. Why? Because their spiritual eyes had not yet been opened. They needed to receive this by revelation of the Holy Spirit like Peter when he confessed to Jesus you are the Christ the son of the living God. When you have a revelation of who Jesus Christ is as King of kings and Lord of lords you will worship him and love him with all your heart and soul mind and strength because Jesus is Lord. The apostle Thomas was not present with the other apostles when Jesus appeared after his resurrection and he doubted. But on another occasion when Jesus appeared he said to Thomas come over here put your finger in the hole where the nails went through my hands and don't be unbelieving but believe. Thomas knelt down before Jesus and proclaimed my Lord and my God! Jesus said because you have

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seen me you have believed but blessed are those that have not seen but have believed. So today let's acknowledge Jesus Christ as the son of the living God the risen Lord and love him and the father and the Holy Spirit with all our heart and soul mind and strength and our neighbor as ourselves showing God's love to everyone around us. Treating other people the way we would like to be treated and obeying God from our hearts that we may glorify Him.

Let share Jesus Christ as the savior of the world and fulfill the great commission of Christ together! Have a blessed day in the Lord and remember he is with you always. This is Nick Boork, thanks for listening to the one year Bible club.

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