



‘Love Thy Neighbor’

October Sermon Series



The Big Idea

You must first love God to love your neighbor and to love thy neighbor is to first love God.




**“We love others best
when we love God most.”**

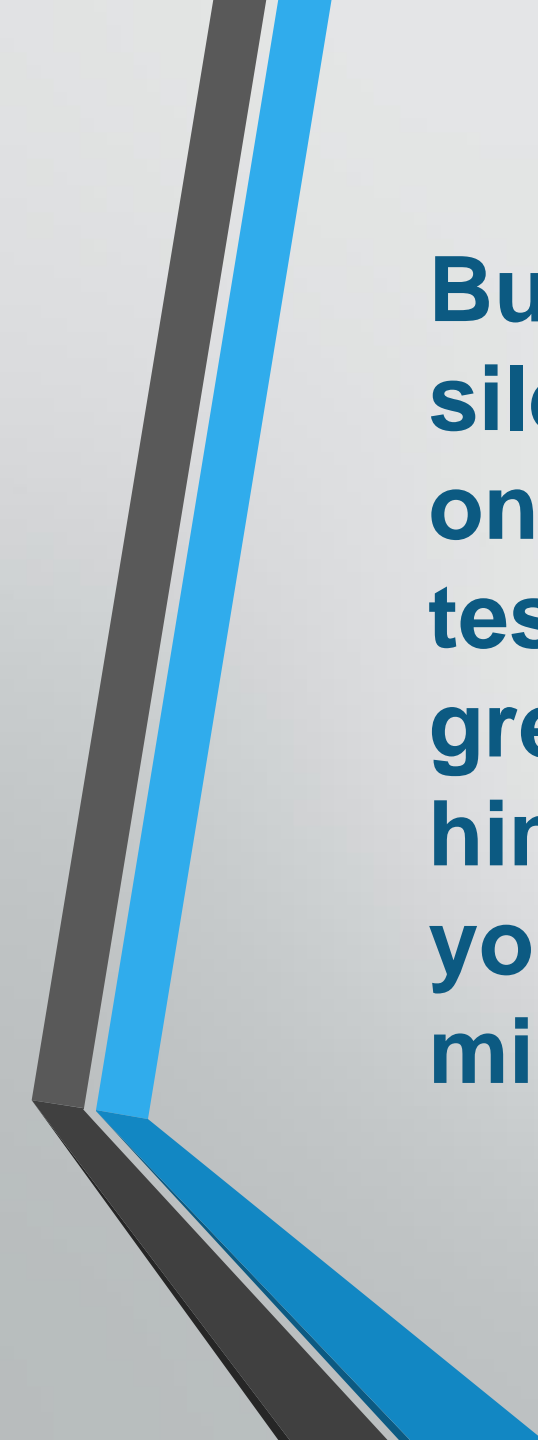


Key Question


**How do we make loving
God our primary dream and
ambition in this life?**



Scripture Lesson
Matthew 22:34-40



But when the Pharisees heard that He had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered. Then one of them, a lawyer, asked Him a question, testing Him, and saying, "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?" Jesus said to him, "'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."



Love God with Everything

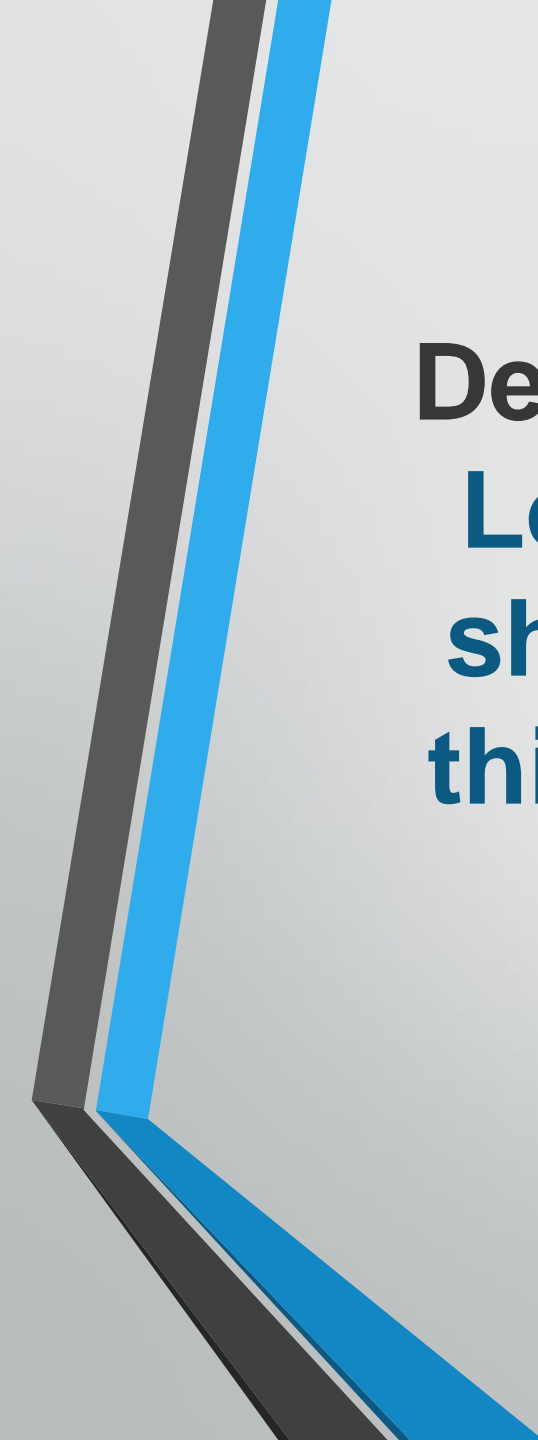
Lesson One



What Does Loving God Mean?

Deuteronomy 10:12, And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God require of you, but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all His ways and to love Him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.


Deuteronomy 11:1, Therefore you shall love the Lord your God, and keep His charge, His statutes, His judgments, and His commandments always.



Deuteronomy 6:4-5, Hear O Israel, the Lord our God is one Lord, And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.



I. Loving God with Your HEART.




**Psalm 18:1, I will love You, O
Lord, my strength.**




II. Loving God with Your SOUL.



Three Predominant Ways to Love God with All Our Soul:

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- a. By Making Godly Choices.**
 - b. By Pursuing Obedience to His Word.**
 - c. By Pursuing a Life of Humility in Attitudes and Speech.**




Matthew 12:34, For out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaks.

Proverbs 18:21, The tongue has the power of life and death, and those who love it will eat its fruit.




III. Loving God with Your MIND.



Three Ways to Love God with Our Mind:

a. Knowledge

Hebrews 10:16, This is the covenant I will make with them after that time, says the Lord. I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds.



**“In order to heighten our
worship, we must deepen our
theology.”**

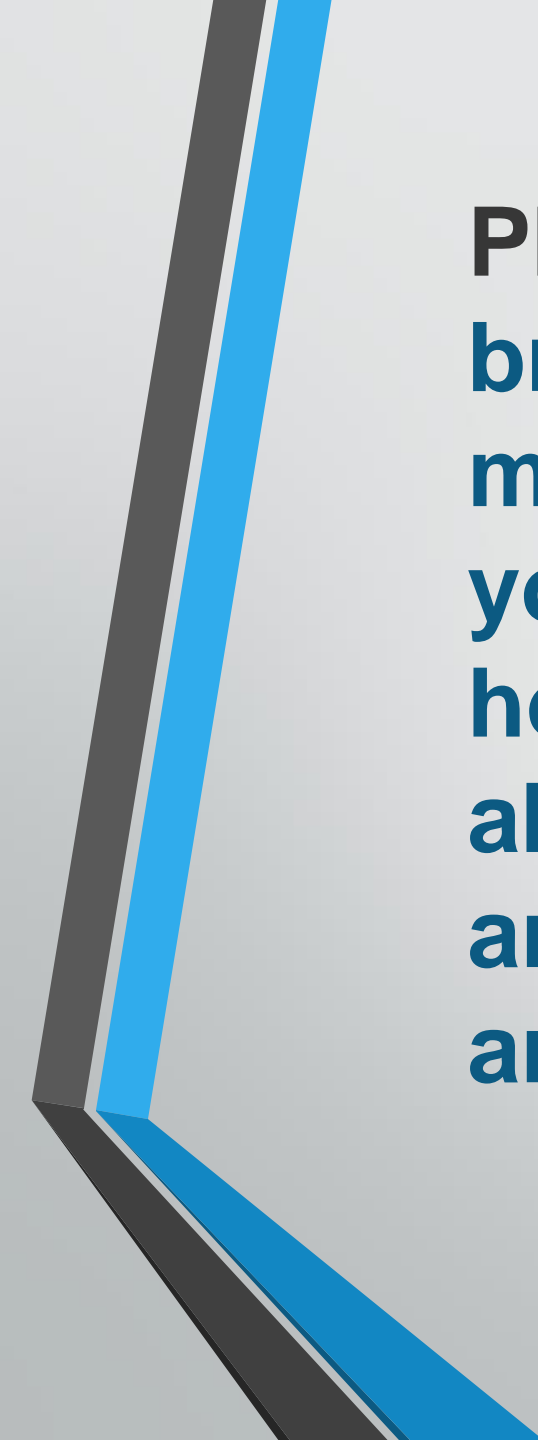
b. Memory

Isaiah 63:7, I will tell of the kindnesses of the LORD, the deeds for which He is to be praised, according to all the LORD has done for us.


c. Imagination

Psalm 8:3, When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have ordained.

Isaiah 55:8, My thoughts are completely different from yours,” says the LORD. “And my ways are far beyond anything you could imagine.




Philippians 4:8, And now, dear brothers and sisters, let me say one more thing as I close this letter. Fix your thoughts on what is true and honorable and right. Think about things that are pure and lovely and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise.




**Mark 12:30, Love the Lord thy
God with all your heart, soul,
mind and STRENGTH.**



IV. Love God with Your STRENGTH(MIGHT).



**Deuteronomy 6:5, You shall love
the LORD your God...with all
your might.**



**The word might or strength in
Hebrew literally means “MUCH-
NESS.”**



Let's Love God Well!