

The Message • Pastor Ron Smith

Love

And now, Israel, what does the LORD your
God require of you . . . ?

Deuteronomy 10:12



The Truth

The Fulfillment of God's Law

Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore love is
the fulfillment of the law.



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The Summary of God's Law

Jesus answered him, “The first of all the commandments is: ‘Hear, O Israel, the LORD our God, the LORD is one. 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. And the second, like it, is this: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is not other commandment greater than these” (Mark 12:29-31).

On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets (Matthew 22:40).



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What Is Love?

Interviews on the street said:

“A feeling you can’t express.”

“Intense emotion.”

“A feeling of trust and devotion.”

“When you want to die for someone.”

“Finding the person with the right blend.”

“To find the right person, you have to go through a lot of people.”

“It’s sexual.”



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The Ten Words



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The Command to Execute Murderers

Deuteronomy 19:11-13 But if anyone hates his neighbor, lies in wait for him, rises against him and strikes him mortally, so that he dies, and he flees to one of these cities, then the elders of his city shall send and bring him from there, and deliver him over to the hand of the avenger of blood, that he may die. Your eye shall not pity him, but you shall put away the guilt of innocent blood from Israel, that it may go well with you.



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Unconditional Love?

How about the statement: “God loves you unconditionally?”



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“Falling” in Love?

How about Hollywood’s idea of
“falling” in love?



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Spanking?

“He who spares his rod hates his son,
but he who loves him disciplines him
promptly” (Proverbs 13:24).



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Rebuking?

How about rebuking? Jesus called the Pharisees hypocrites. Paul commanded Timothy to rebuke and exhort. The Holy Spirit reproves. John the Baptist called the Pharisees snakes.



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Does the God Who Is Love Hate?

Proverbs 6:19 says God hates “A false witness who speaks lies.”



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Should We Love Those Who Hate the Lord?

God said to King Jehosphaphat, “Should you help the wicked and love those who hate the LORD? Therefore the wrath of the LORD is upon you (2 Chronicles 19:2).



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Love Your Enemies

Matthew 5:44 But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you.



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Love Is Greater than Gifting



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Knowledge Should Grow Out of Love

And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight (Philippians 1:9).



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Greater Love Hath No Man

Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends (John 15:13).



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God So Loved the World

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life (John 3:16).



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The words of this song were found on the wall of an insane asylum.

The love of God is greater far than tongue of pen can ever tell.
It reaches to the highest star, and plunges to the deepest hell.
O love of God, how deep and pure. How measureless and strong.
It shall forever more endure the saints and angels song.
Could we with ink the ocean fill,
And were the skies of parchment made;
Were every stalk on earth a quill
And every man a scribe by trade.
To write the love of God above would drain the ocean dry.
Now could the scroll contain the whole
Though stretched from sky to sky.



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