

Sermon Questions

Loving God and Loving Others

Mark 12:28-34

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Key verse of the passage?

Main/key point(s) of the sermon?

What did or did not make sense in the sermon?

What in the sermon spoke most to you at this point in your life?

Did you see/hear God in the sermon?

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1. God alone is God, and He alone is to be worshipped (Mark 12:28–34; Deuteronomy 6:4). This truth (citing Deuteronomy 6:4) is the Old Testament “shema” (hear) which all orthodox Jews affirm – as well as all orthodox Christ followers.
2. Since God alone is God, we must resist the highest of allegiances to anything else including the man “idols” that dominate our world today. These include:
 - a. Mammon (or Plutus): the pursuit of money as a controlling “god” in one’s life (2 Corinthians 8–9; Matthew 6:24)
 - b. Venus: The goddess of immoral sexuality (1 Corinthians 6:13, 18–20)
 - c. Dionysus (Bachus): The god of alcohol abuse (Proverbs 20:1; Ephesians 5:18)
 - d. Narcissus: The god of self-focus, selfishness, and self-absorption (Mark 12:30–31)
3. God’s call on our lives is to love Him above all else (Mark 12:30–31) and to love others as we love ourselves (Mark 12:30–32).