

## Study Guide

Matthew 22:37

Mark 12:30

Luke 10:27

# The Greatest Commandment

## *Loving God With All Your Mind*

**Intro:** The two great commandments are summary statements of the Ten Commandments. The first four commandments (Exodus 20:1-11) express love for God; the next six (Exodus 20:12-17) express love for one's neighbor. Jesus says these are the first and second greatest commandments.

The common denominator of both commandments is LOVE: Love for God and Love for fellow human beings. If we are to analyze the chief end of human beings, it is to LOVE God . . . in so doing God is glorified.

Furthermore, love for God can be further divided into four aspects of our being (Mark 12:30):

*AND YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR **HEART**, AND WITH ALL YOUR **SOUL**, AND WITH ALL YOUR **MIND**, AND WITH ALL YOUR **STRENGTH**.' (Mark 12:30 NAU)*

### I. The Distinction In Each Action

- A. Sometimes soul and mind are viewed the same as organs of thought:  
For as he thinks within [Heb: his soul] himself, so he is. He says to you, "Eat and drink!" But his heart is not with you. (Pro 23:7 NAU)
- B. The soul is the essence of the person wherein is seated the mind, will, & emotions
- C. The heart is the affection of the soul wherein is seated the mind + desire
- D. The mind is the place of thought, logic, and contemplation

### II. How Do You Love God With Your Mind?

- A. Meditate on His Word (Joshua 1:8)
- B. Contemplate His creation (Psalm 24)
- C. Meditate on your bed in the night watches (Psalm 63:6)
- D. Rest in the Lord and wait patiently for Him (Psalm 37:7)