

## THE GREAT COMMANDMENTS

“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it, You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” *Matthew 22:37-39.*

We are to prefer the love of God to all persons and things. We are to love God more than we love our family, our country, and ourselves. However, love for God doesn't exclude love for others. In fact, we prove our love for God in the way we love others. “Beloved, let us love one another; for love is of God, and he who loves is born of God and knows God. He who does not love does not know God; for God is love... Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another... If anyone says, ‘I love God,’ and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen. And this commandment we have from Him, that he who loves God should love his brother also.” 1 John 4:7-8,11,20-21.

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