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**MESSAGE 5:  
THE GREAT COMMANDMENT**

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the most important (**greatest**)  
**commandment** (law)?*

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the *Pharisees* got together.

One of them, an *expert* in the law, *tested him* with this question:

“Teacher which is the *greatest commandment* in the law (613)?”

Jesus replied: “ ‘*Love* the Lord your *God* with all your *heart*  
and with all your *soul* and with all your *mind*.’ ”

Matthew 22:34-40 NIV



**SHEMAH**  
(SHU-MAH)  
“TO HEAR AND OBEY”

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*And the **second** is like it:*

*‘**Love** your **Neighbor** as yourself’.*

*All the **Law** and the **Prophets**  
**hang** on these **two** commandments.”*

Matthew 22:34-40 NIV



*“Don’t seek **revenge** or carry a **grudge**  
against any of **your people**.  
‘**Love** your **neighbor** as yourself.’  
I am God.”*

Leviticus 19:18 MSG

# HORIZONTAL LOVE



*Just then a religious scholar (**expert in the law**)  
**stood** before Jesus in order to **test** his doctrines (**teachings**).  
He posed this question: “Teacher, what **requirement** must I fulfill (**do**)  
if I want to **live forever** in heaven (inherit **eternal life**)?”  
Jesus replied, “What do you **read** in the **Law** (613)?  
How do you **understand** it (what have you **discovered**)?”  
The religious scholar answered, “It states, ‘You **must** love  
the **Lord God** with all your **heart**, all your **passion** (soul),  
all your **energy** (strength), and every **thought** (mind).  
**And you must love your neighbor as yourself.**’ “  
Jesus said, “That is **correct**. Now **go** and **do** exactly that  
and you **will live** (forever).”*

Luke 10:25-28 TPT



*“Looking for a **loophole**, he asked,  
“And just how (**who**) would you  
**define** (as my) ‘**neighbor**’?”*

Luke 10:29 MSG

# THE **GOOD** SAMARITAN

*"Which of these three (**who**)  
do you think was a '**neighbor**'  
to the man (**wounded**) who fell  
into the hands of robbers?"  
The **expert** in the **law** replied,  
"The **one** who had **mercy** on him."  
Jesus told him,  
"**Go** and **do** likewise (**the same**)."*

Luke 10:36-37 MSG

# A **NEW** COMMANDMENT

*“My children (**dear friends**),  
I will be **with you** only a little while (**brief time**) longer.  
You will look (**search**) for me, and **just as** I told the Jews,  
so I **tell you** now: Where I am **going**, you cannot **come**.”*

John 13:33-35 TPT



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## “SHEMAH” QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER:

1. What **need** do you need to **notice**?
2. What **barrier** do you need to **break**?
3. What **price** is Jesus asking you to **pay**?

*Jesus' **new covenant** commandment (**love law**) established the **governing ethic** for his **new movement**. It was **simple** but all-encompassing. It was **far less** complicated than the current system (**old covenant**) but **far more** demanding. As you will discover, the **imperatives** we find scattered throughout the New Testament are simply **applications** of Jesus' **new covenant** command (**love law**). These New Testament imperatives (**essentials**) are examples of **how to love** the "**one anothers**" Jesus **commanded** us to love. Again, **far less** complicated. But **far more** demanding. There are **no loopholes** in the love Jesus **requires** of us.*

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# **DISCOVERY** BIBLE STUDY

## **THE QUESTIONS JESUS ASKED**

*and what he wanted us to know.*

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**Read** Mark 8:14-21 (3 Translations)

**DBS:** Mark 8:14-21 (8 verses)

**Question:** *"Do you still not understand?"*