

OUR GOD IS THE ONLY GOD

Mark 12:28-34

Key Verse: 12:29

"'The most important one,' answered Jesus, 'is this: "Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one."'"

STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Read verse 28. What was the attitude of this teacher of the law toward Jesus? Why? What did he ask Jesus? How was he different from the previous questioners? What was his attitude toward the Bible? How could he keep his heart pure? (Ps 119:9-11; Ps 1:3)
2. Read verses 29. What does this phrase, "the Lord our God, the Lord is one" tell us about God? (See Ge 1:1; Isa 40:15; Jn 14:6) Why is it that only the one true living God can give us forgiveness and eternal life and hope in his kingdom?
3. Read verse 30. What is the most important commandment? Why? How can we love God with all the heart, soul, mind and strength? How does obedience to this command preclude idolatry of all kinds, and reveal the way of blessing? (Ex 20:5,6)
4. Read verse 31. What is the second great commandment? How is it related to the first? How did God demonstrate the meaning of real love (Ro 5:8)? Why must we love those who don't seem to deserve our love?
5. Read verses 32-33. How did this young teacher respond to Jesus' answer? What does his answer reveal about him? Read verse 34. What did Jesus say about him? What does this mean? (How was this man different from Nicodemus in John 3?)