Space for God Love With My Entire Being



PREPARATION

• IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, THE SON, AND THE HOLY SPIRIT •

Listen, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength.

Deuteronomy 6:4-5

WORSHIP

Let all that I am praise the Lord; with my whole heart, I will praise his holy name.

Let all that I am praise the Lord;

may I never forget the good things he does for me.

Psalm 103:1-2

CONFESSION

For you, O Lord, are supreme over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods. You who love the Lord, hate evil!

He protects the lives of his godly people and rescues them from the power of the wicked. Light shines on the godly, and joy on those whose hearts are right. Psalm 97:9-11

MEDITATION Mark 12:28-34*

O ne of the teachers of religious law was standing there listening to the debate. He realized that Jesus had answered well, so he asked, "Of all the commandments, which is the most important?"

Jesus replied, "The most important commandment is this: 'Listen, O Israel! The Lord our God is the one and only Lord. And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength.' The second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' No other commandment is greater than these."

The teacher of religious law replied, "Well said, Teacher. You have spoken the truth by saying that there is only one God and no other. And I know it is important to love him with all my heart and all my understanding and all my strength, and to love my neighbor as myself. This is more important than to offer all of the burnt offerings and sacrifices required in the law."

Realizing how much the man understood, Jesus said to him, "You are not far from the Kingdom of God." And after that, no one dared to ask him any more questions.

IN SOLITUDE AND/OR COMMUNITY

Read Slowly, several times.

Reflect What does the text say?

Respond How does it relate to my life?

Rest I welcome God's healing and renewal.

ANCHORING PRAYER

I love You with all my being, and my neighbour as myself.

REVIEW OF THE HEART

How did I love God with everything I have? When was it difficult to love my neighbour?

WISDOM

I want you to show love, not offer sacrifices. I want you to know me more than I want burnt offerings.

Hosea 6:6

For the commandments say, "You must not commit adultery. You must not murder. You must not steal. You must not covet." These—and other such commandments—are summed up in this one commandment: "Love your neighbor as yourself."

Romans 13:9

For the Kingdom of God is not just a lot of talk; it is living by God's power. 1 Corinthians 4:20

TESTIMONY What is God saying today?

INTERCESSION For the Church-for others-for me.

BENEDICTION

Peace be with you, dear brothers and sisters, and may God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ give you love with faithfulness.

May God's grace be eternally upon all who love our Lord Jesus Christ.

• Amen •

Ephesians 6:23-24

SPACE FOR GOD DAILY

Be still and quiet before God.

Seek the Holy Spirit's filling and guidance.

Speak and act from a listening heart.

Actively serve in community with others.

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