

Day 2

Read Matthew 22:34-40

Have you ever noticed that sometimes when you're reading the Bible, there are different Scripture references in parentheses? This is because the writer is referencing something that was previously mentioned in Scripture—usually it's a New Testament passage that is a quote from the Old Testament.

This is what is happening in Matthew 22:34-40. Jesus Himself is quoting some of the laws from the Old Testament as He answers the religious leader. That shows you just how important these passages are—that God gave us these truths twice!

Go back and look up the original passages Jesus is quoting: Deuteronomy 6:5 and Leviticus 19:18. Do you see any differences in them from Matthew 22:33-40?



Day 3

Re-read the passage from yesterday, specifically Matthew 22:37 and 39.

Take a minute to reflect on which of these commands is the hardest for you to follow. Then ask God to help you with that by personalizing the prayer below.

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Dear God, thank You for loving me and show me what love looks like when You sent Jesus to be our Savior. I want to love like You do.

(Choose one or both)

Help me to love You with all of my heart and soul and mind.

Help me to love other people like I love myself—and like You love me.

And at the end of the day, help me to love You by loving others. In Jesus' Name, I pray, amen.