

WHAT DOES GOD WANT?

Mark 12:28–34

Context: “Clashes” with Jesus

1. Mark 11:27–12:12	“Jesus, who made you boss?”	God!
2. Mark 12:13–17	“Jesus, who gets our loyalty?”	God!
3. Mark 12:18–27	“Jesus, isn’t what you teach just silly?”	No! Read God’s Word!
4. Mark 12:28–34	“Jesus, what does God want?”	?

I. A Contest with Jesus (v. 28)

And one of the scribes came up and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that He answered them well, asked Him, “Which commandment is the most important of all?” (Mark 12:28, ESV)

- What does God want from _____?

II. A Command of Jesus (vv. 29–33)

Jesus answered, “The most important is, ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ The second is this: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.” (Mark 12:29–31, ESV)

- _____, _____, _____ love for God through those around me

And the scribe said to Him, “You are right, Teacher. You have truly said that He is one, and there is no other besides Him. And to love Him with all the heart and with all the understanding and with all the strength, and to love one’s neighbor as oneself, is much more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.” (Mark 12:32–33, ESV)

- What does God want from me? _____ of me ... _____!

III. A Commendation by Jesus (v. 34)

And when Jesus saw that he answered wisely, He said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” And after that no one dared to ask Him any more questions. (Mark 12:34, ESV)

- “Not far” is not _____