

Loving God
1 John 4:7-5:3
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Deuteronomy 6:5 You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.

Mark 12:29-31 Jesus answered him, "The first of all the commandments is: 'Hear, O Israel, the LORD our God, the LORD is one.'³⁰ And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.' This is the first commandment.³¹ And the second, like it, is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

How can we love God?

Look at it from the negative

- You can't love whom you do not know
- You can't love Him with whom you spend no time
- You can't love God if you do not obey
- You can't love Him whom you cannot see - unless you love them that you can see.
- You can't really love God if obedience is a burden

Look at it from the positive

- To Love God is to Know him
- To Love God is to worship him
- To Love God is obey him
- To Love God is to love others
- To love God is to obey him easily