

Theology Simply Explained — WSC42 The Sum of the Ten Commandments

Pastor walks his children through Westminster Shorter Catechism question 42: What is the sum of the Ten Commandments? **The sum of the Ten Commandments is to love the Lord our God with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our strength, and with all our mind; and our neighbor as ourselves.**

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Our shorter catechism, question of the week is

What is the sum of the Ten Commandments Now this,

There's a question that Jesus himself indicates that he is answered in Matthew. 22 verse 40 when he says on these two commandments. Hang all the law and the prophets. So the sum of the Ten Commandments are the, these two commandments that Jesus is just gotten done answering. And it's interesting.

The lawyer from among the Pharisees has asked him in Matthew. 22 verse 36 teacher, which is the great commandment in the law and this Pharisee theologian needs an education and something called divine. Simplicity that all of God's character is infinitely and perfectly expressed unchangeably all the time. And so there are no aspects of who God is or what he is.

Like that increase or decrease or are ever in conflict with one another Now since the moral law and God's commandments are applications of the implications of who God is upon, who and what we are. All of the commandments are in harmony and not in conflict. And so, there is perhaps it got to type.

Question here. When the man asks Jesus what the great or greatest commandment is, but Jesus by answering to love you all, know your God, with all your heart, with all your soul. And with all your mind, he is showing the difference between God and us. We are subject to partialism where we are partly this and partly that and we may live for or depend on the light, in serve things that are in conflict, one, another all at the same time, We are not like God at all who lives in perfect consistency and wholeness and perfection from outside of time and space outside of all creation in and of himself.

So God being who he is and we being who we are, it is necessary that every part of who we are. Because we are in parts. God is not but every part of who we are. Be fully united in glorifying serving obeying, loving praising God. So is very interesting.

Jesus is answer. Really gets to the heart of the theological issue behind the question, even as he has answering really out of Deuteronomy 6 and Deuteronomy 30 and so forth. So, what is the sum of the Ten Commandments? Some of the Ten Commandments is to love the Lord, our God, with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our strength.

And with all our mind and Jesus says the second is like it, you shall love your neighbor as yourself In other words because God has made your neighbor and his image too in order to love him with all, in order to love God. With all of who you are, all of what you are, you have to actually love your neighbor who is made in the image of God and then God's good providence.

We applied that to the ninth commandment in the evening. Sermon today and Exodus not Exodus James chapter 3 verses 8 through 11.