

AMPT

8th November 2020



Welcome to Ampt with Betty.

Let us pray:-

Dear Lord, we are very thankful to you, a loving and merciful God and all you have blessed us with. Please help us to love you with all that we are and have and also to love others as ourselves. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Bible reading for today and also our memory verse comes from Matthew 22:35-40 (NIV)

³⁵ One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: ³⁶ “Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?”

³⁷ Jesus replied: **“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.”**^[a] ³⁸ **This is the first and greatest commandment.** ³⁹ **And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbour as yourself.’**^[b] ⁴⁰ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”

<https://youtu.be/nAw6SFvxW2g>



APPLICATION

Let's look at the first command . **“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.”**

Jesus was saying that if we put God first, everything else will naturally follow. If we truly love God with all that we have, we would want to follow the other Laws, because we genuinely love Him. So how can we love God with all that we have? When we make decisions or do anything, we can do it with the fact of His presence in mind, and recall that He is always with us, watching, guiding and loving us. Acknowledge God is the creator and controls all things. We can show God our love through worship (singing glory and praises to Him,), talking to Him (praying), obeying Him, studying His word (with friends / family or by ourselves) and doing things that pleases Him.



Now the second commandment Jesus gave is **‘Love your neighbour as yourself.’**

Who is our *neighbour*? They are not just people we like or know or people next door to us. Our neighbours are all the people God created. We love them by showing kindness and respect and remembering that Jesus loves them and died for them too!

We don't always see that care and love demonstrated in people around us today do we? But, we can make a difference when we show God's love by sharing it. We can look for ways to be considerate and loving to those around us every day!



Questions

1. What did Jesus say was the greatest commandment?

2. What was the next greatest commandment?

3. How do we show God we love Him the best?

4. How will others know God loves them?

5. Do you think we don't need the Ten commandments anymore since we have these new ones?

CHALLENGE



I would like to encourage everyone to take up this challenge and find someone in the coming week that you can show the love of Jesus to and please share that with me (via email) or via Ampt kids WhatsApp. One criteria of the challenge is that " neighbour " needs to be someone who is **not** your family or friend . It can be a classmate that is **not** your best friend or within your inner circle of friends (that is someone whom you do not speak or sit next to often).

Prayer

Dear Lord Jesus,

Thank you for reminding us of your two most important commandments, please help us to always put you first and foremost in our lives and remembering that if we focus on loving you and loving people, other things will fall into place.

In Jesus' name, Amen.