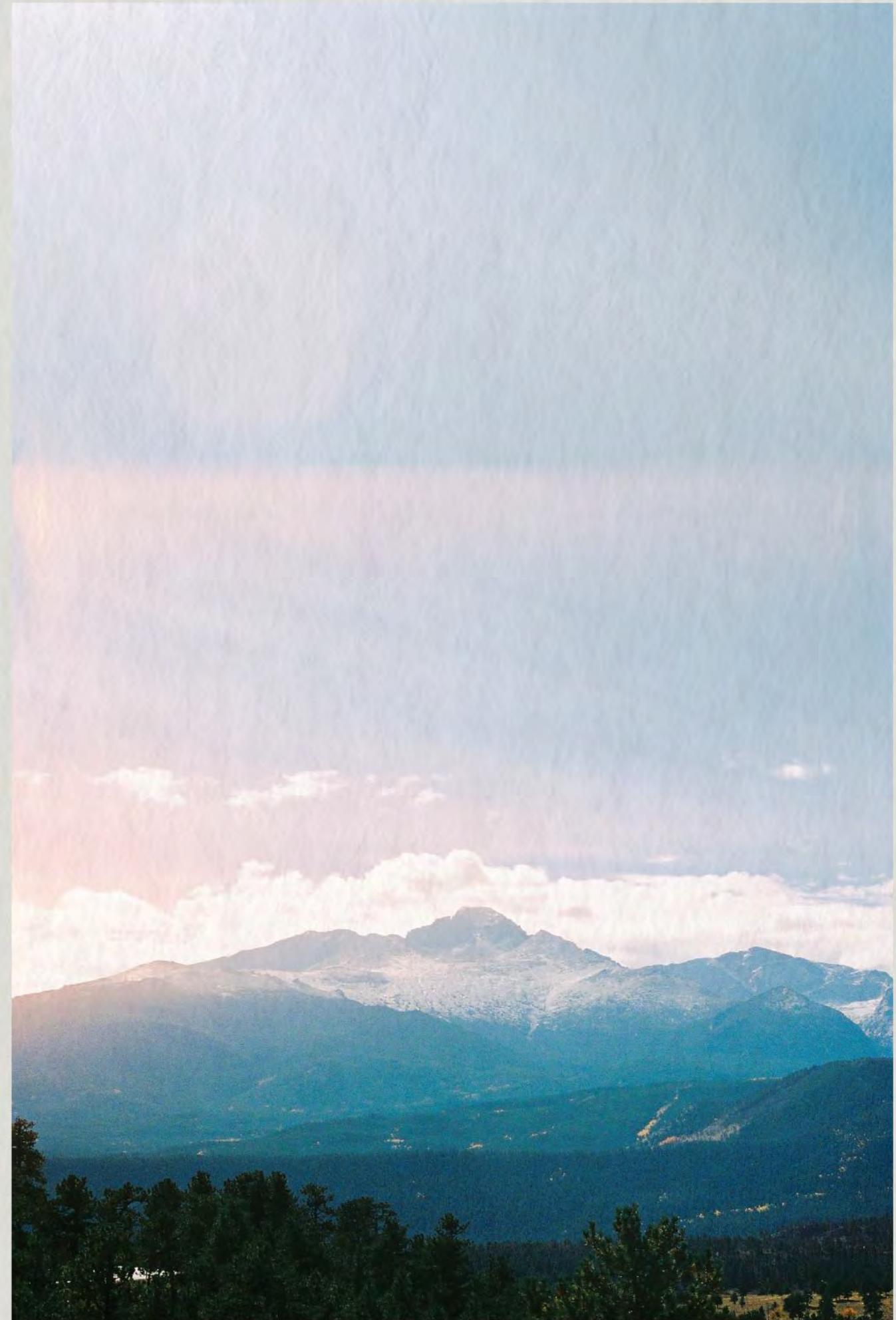


11 THE KING'S COMMANDMENT

A STUDY OF Mark



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Mark 12:28 NIV

One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him, “Of all the commandments, **which is the most important?**”



Mark 12:29-31 NIV

“The most important one,” answered Jesus, “is this: ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. ³⁰ Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ ³¹ The second is this: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no commandment greater than these.”



The Shema

Deuteronomy 6:4-9 NIV

Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. ⁵ Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. ⁶ These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. ⁷ Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. ⁸ Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. ⁹ Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.



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- A.W. TOZER



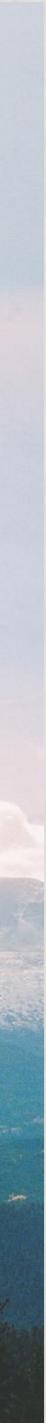


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“If we fail to understand the greatness of God’s love, we’ll fail to love God greatly.”

-R.C. SPROUL



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“Oh, to love Him! This is the crown and glory of life—this is the joy and happiness of existence.”

-CHARLES SPURGEON



Why can loving God be difficult?

The lure of idolatry

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The dominance of our self-centeredness

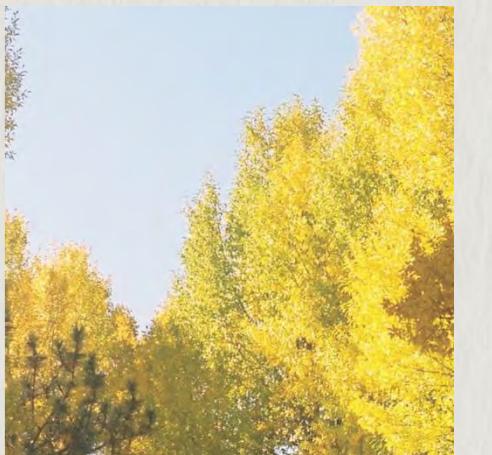
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The pain of a fallen world



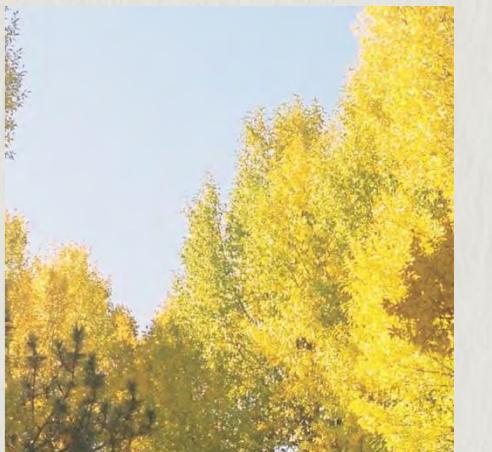
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Leviticus 19:18 NIV

“Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against anyone among your people, but love your neighbor as yourself. I am the LORD.”



10 Commandments

Love God

1. **“You shall have no other gods before me.”**
2. **“You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. You shall not bow down to them or worship them.”**
3. **“You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God.”**
4. **“Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.”**

Love People

5. **“Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.”**
6. **“You shall not murder.”**
7. **“You shall not commit adultery.”**
8. **“You shall not steal.”**
9. **“You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.”**
10. **“You shall not covet your neighbor’s house, wife, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.”**

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Mark 12:32-34 NIV

“Well said, teacher,” the man replied. “You are right in saying that God is one and there is no other but him. ³³ To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself is more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices.” ³⁴ When Jesus saw that he had answered wisely, he said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” And from then on **no one dared ask him any more questions.**



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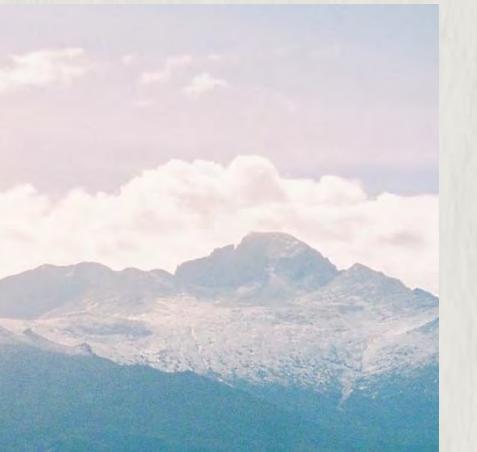
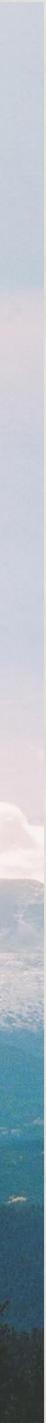
How do we love God? Wholeheartedly

With ALL our Heart

With ALL our Soul

With ALL our Mind

With ALL our Strength



How do we love God? Sacrificially

This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. ¹⁷ If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? ¹⁸ Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.

1 John 3:16-18



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