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Men's Bible Study Outline  
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## What Does God Want From Us: Love Me

You cannot love God until you love Jesus. If we love Jesus the way we should, then we truly love God the way we should and when we love God the way we should we will love others the way we should.

There were three groups that didn't like Jesus – Pharisees  
Sadducees  
Herodians

### **Matthew 22:34-35**

“Teacher, commandment in the law is the greatest?”

Matthew 22:36

#### **1. Love God personally**

“He said to him, ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’”

#### **2. We should love God passionately**

“Whatever the heart loves out, the mind reasons out, the emotions feel out, and the will acts out.”

“Whatever captures the heart will capture the soul. And whatever captures the soul will capture the mind.”

Love of your heart will determine what you think and how you live.

#### **3. We should love God preeminently**

“This is the first and greatest commandment.”

Matthew 22:38

**4. We should love God practically**

“And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’”

Love is not just vertical but it is also horizontal.

“You will never love others the way they need to be loved until you love God the way He deserves to be loved.”

“On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

Matthew 22:40

**Point to Ponder**

What next? This week think about one specific way that you can start loving God the way he deserves.

Who you love you talk to.

What you love you talk about.

How do you know that you have the love of God?

“But I know you do not have the love of God in you. I have come in my Father’s name, and you do not accept me;”

When you love Jesus, then you love God, then you have obeyed the first and greatest commandment.

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