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**Theme Unit: Enduring Beliefs of the Church**

**Unit I: Fulfilling Our Obligations to Neighbors**

**Subject: Love Acts, Loving GOD, Loving Others**

**Printed Text: Mark 12: 28-34; James 2: 14-17**

**Key verse: To love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the soul, and with all the strength, and to love his neighbour as himself, is more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices (Mark 12: 33, KJV).**

**Lesson Pointers:**

- 1) Jesus Breaks Down the Commandments; Right Belief (Mark 12: 28-34)
- 2) The Practicality of Faith; Right Action (James 2: 14-17)

**Introduction:**

**This unit deals with Jesus Christ's teaching in the temple environs (Read Mark 11: 15-17, 27; Mark 12: 35). It was earlier that Jesus Christ showed HIS opposition to the economics of temple practices when Jesus Christ drove out the moneychangers who sold items in the temple, and had turned the temple into a commercial center rather than a house of prayer (Read Mark 11: 15-17). Is not this the same thing happening in some of today's church house where the church house has become a commercial center rather than a church house of prayer. Now, this, along with Jesus Christ teaching, enraged the temple leaders authorities (Mark 11: 18).**

**So, those leaders of the temple sought to undermine Jesus Christ's teaching with the people by questioning Jesus Christ publicly. The temple leaders begin to discredit Jesus Christ, they acted against Jesus Christ despite the people's anger. Note that if Jesus Christ answered the wrong way HE could have been handed over to the Romans for execution. The temple leaders wanted to undermine Jesus Christ credibility because they saw Jesus Christ as a threat to their own powerful positions (see John 11:48).**

**Now James the half brother of Jesus Christ wrote a letter to the religious leaders who were scattered, and spread about; James where concerned about the readers actions, He wanted to provide a solution to the areas of concern, James exhorted his readers to live in light of the Gospel that they profess (Read James 1: 21-22, 27). James identified the same royal law that Jesus Christ had quoted in Mark 12: 31: Love your neighbor as yourself (James 2: 8). It is important to know that one must have the right belief, and the right action to do Jesus Christ's work.**

## Lesson Pointer # 1

- **Jesus Breaks Down the Commandments; Right Belief (Mark 12: 28-34)**

The inquiry for Jesus Christ: Jesus Christ answers made an impression on one of the scribes, who having heard what Jesus Christ said to those who were interrogating HIM; asked Jesus Christ a question, saying, which is the first commandment of all (Mark 12: 28)? The explanation that Jesus Christ gave unto him was that of the Law. Jesus Christ said the first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; the LORD our GOD is one LORD. And thou shalt love the LORD thy GOD with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment. And the Second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these (Mark 12: 29-31). The expansion of the Reply that Jesus Christ gave; so, the scribe said unto him, Well, Master, thou hast said the truth: for there is one GOD; and there is none other but he: And to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the soul, and with all the strength, and to love his neighbor as himself, is more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices (Mark 12: 32-33). Now, the evidence and Wisdom of Jesus Christ that was shared to that one scribe. And when Jesus Christ saw that the scribe answered discreetly, Jesus Christ said unto that scribe. Thou art not far from the kingdom of GOD. And no man deaired to ask him any question after that evidence of wisdom (Mark 12: 34).

## Lesson Pointer # 2

- **The Practicality of Faith; Right Action (James 2: 14-17)**

The rhetorical question: What doth it profit, my brother, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? Can faith save him (James 2: 14)? The obvious example that James gives unto us is, if a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food. And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit (James 2: 15-16). James confident assertion offers an initial conclusion response concerning his rhetorical question; saying, even so faith, if it hat not works, is dead, being alone (James 2: 17).

**Love Acts, Loving GOD, Loving Others!**

**Nuggets of the Lesson:**

- 1) The right belief is to know that the LORD our GOD is one LORD. And thou shalt love the LORD thy GOD with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandments.
- 2) The second commandment is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these.
- 3) What doth it profit, my brother, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? Can faith save him?
- 4) Now, if a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food. And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit?
- 5) We are to Love GOD, and to Love Others.
- 6) Faith without works is dead, being alone.

