

More than Anything

Matthew 22: 34-40 (The Greatest Commandment)

³⁴When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, ³⁵and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶“Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” ³⁷He said to him, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ ³⁸This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ ⁴⁰On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

Giving Honor to God the Father, the Son (Jesus Christ), and the Holy Spirit. To All of Gods Sons, Daughters, and Children. Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow Big Bethel Nation. Let's turn to The Gospel (Matthew Chapter 22:34-40) as we lift up the Name of the Lord. The sermon topic is “More than Anything”

*Good morning beloved. Now we know that the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through **Jesus Christ our Lord**. (Romans 6:23) Let's turn to Matthew 22:34-40. Our key verse is verse 37. In this pericope or unit of scripture, Jesus teach what many theologians refer to as the greatest commandment. The words from this phenomenal teaching experience are echoed and lifted up in liturgies and worship services throughout Christendom on a weekly basis and can be shared throughout the worship in the context of the decalogue. As I reflect on verse 37, I am eternally thankful that we share Jesus teaching in our churches, homes, and communities; locally and nationally.*

Big Bethel Nation, I woke up this morning “Thanking God” for another day of life. I realize that God began a good work in His creation. The same powerful God who scattered the stars across the heavens, started the earth on its orbit, and breathed life into His creation, also began a great work in you.

We witnessed the storm and the rain. We saw and heard the birds chirping and felt the wind blow on our bodies. We saw darkness in the night and in the midnight hour. We laid in our beds and slept, then we woke up to see the dawning of a new day. Not only is it a new day, but it's a new beginning. Yes, Yesterdays gone Sweet Jesus, let's enjoy the Blessings of the day. I don't know about anyone else, but I'm happy that you and I made it to a new day. I don't want to make light of this, but we woke up in our right minds. We can walk and talk. We have the ability to go from the bedroom to the restroom, from the restroom to the living room, and from the living room to the kitchen. In the midst

of the blessings from point to point and from room to room, have we taken the opportunity to tell the Lord "I Love You?" Our God, "I LOVE YOU, MORE THAN ANYTHING."

God, while the storm was raging, you prevented the trees from falling on the house. You protected us, while it was storming outside. I know that the house could have easily flooded if you had not kept back the heavy rains. I know the electricity could have went out if you had moved your providential protection. I know that the resources would have dried up, if you had not made a way for us. I know that there would be no clothes on our backs if you had not provided. I know that there would be no food on the table if you had not made a way. Yes, Yes, Yes. *I LOVE YOU.

Jesus, on the way home, you prevented the automobile from hydroplaning and an accident that could have caused great harm to me and others. Many will wait until trouble comes to offer prayer. Many will wait until opposition rises to offer meditation. Well, I'm so "Thankful" for the Blood you shed for me, way back on Calvary. I want to let you know that you've been Good. Mighty Good to Me. Mighty Good to Us. Maybe, we haven't spent as much time with you as we should. My brothers and sisters, maybe you 'aint where you ought to be, but "Thank God" you're not where you used to be. Because of YOUR Grace and Mercy Jesus, we made it through another day's journey and we're still here. I just want to say...Yes, Yes, Yes. *I LOVE YOU MORE THAN ANYTHING.

Holy Spirit, in the midnight hour. I didn't even think about exhaling or inhaling. I didn't think about my heartbeat; whether it beat fast, slow, or nominal in rhythm, but somehow, someway, while I was asleep you kept me alive. The breath of life was functioning in such a way that I inhaled and exhaled. (I didn't think about it.) Get on outta' here devil. (I didn't even think about it) My breathing was normal and my organs functioned just like you intended them to function. *I wish I had a witness that can testify that their blood pressure wasn't a problem while they slept. I wish I had a witness that can testify their diabetes wasn't a issue, while they were sleeping. Can anybody testify that while they laid in the image of death, that the arthritis didn't flare up? Whatever your personal issues are, the Lord made a way. Somehow, Someway, You worked it out and we are alive today because of YOUR LOVE. I JUST WANT TO SAY "LORD, I LOVE YOU MORE THAN ANYTHING."

2 Cor.7:1 Having such great promises as these, dear friends, let us turn away from everything wrong, whether of body or spirit, and purify ourselves, living in the wholesome fear of God, giving ourselves to him alone.

This scripture encourages us to know and understand what is truly important in life. God is worthy saints. Turn away from everything wrong. Every Sin in the body and spirit must be dealt with in and we must all turn away, change, and cleanse ourselves living in the fear of

God. Fear in this context is associated with the word adore; which means to worship (a deep love) and to fear. We Love God so much that we don't want to disappoint Him or be outside of His will. He is truly the only being worthy of being 1st in our lives. "We Love Him more than Anything."

The bible teaches us that everyone sins (Romans 3:23), but it also says that sinners are redeemed through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ (v. 24). Today, Big Bethel Nation, celebrate the fact that God created you, set you on a course, and made a way for you to live forever with Him. So, you might as well shout my sister and my brother. To God be All the Glory. "Lord we Love You more than Anything."

Romans 10:9

That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

Closing Prayer of Salvation

Lord I stand on your Holy Word and according to Romans 10:9. I confess with my mouth and believe in my heart that God raised Jesus Christ from the dead. I believe this and I receive Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior. Now, your name is written in the Lamb's book of life. (God Bless You and Heaven Smile Upon You. Welcome to the Body of Christ.)

Benediction

Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, To the only wise God our Savior, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.