

## What You Were Made For

### *A Friend of God - Part 2*

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#### **Mark 12:28-37 (NIV)**

<sup>28</sup>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?” <sup>29</sup>“The most important one,” answered Jesus, “is this: ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.’ <sup>30</sup>Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ <sup>31</sup>The second is this: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no commandment greater than these.” <sup>32</sup>“Well said, teacher,” the man replied. “You are right in saying that God is one and there is no other but him. <sup>33</sup>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.” <sup>34</sup>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.

<sup>35</sup>While Jesus was teaching in the temple courts, he asked, “Why do the teachers of the law say that the Messiah is the son of David? <sup>36</sup>David himself, speaking by the Holy Spirit, declared: “ ‘The Lord said to my Lord: “Sit at my right hand until I put your enemies under your feet.” ’ <sup>37</sup>David himself calls him ‘Lord.’ How then can he be his son?” The large crowd listened to him with delight.

- **To find your purpose you must first settle the issue of God’s existence. Do you believe that “He is”? (vs. 29, Deuteronomy 6:4; Psalm 19:1; Psalm 90:1-2; Romans 1:20)**

*“What did God have in mind for me? This should be the primary question of every thinking person. Many have wasted lives today. They have accomplished*

*great feats, built vast empires, fulfilled ambitions, and died unfulfilled and bitter for they lost their own souls. Their mistake was their failure to concern themselves with this question.” Smith*

- **Loving God is your highest purpose and calling. (vs. 30; Deuteronomy 6:5-9)**

*Do you believe that God loves you?*

- **To love God is to know Him. You cannot love God if you do not know him first. (Jeremiah 31:3; 1 John 4:10; 1 John 4:19-21)**

*“God loves you as you are and not as you should be, because no one is as they should be.” B. Manning*

- **If you love God you will love what He loves; you will love people! (vs. 31; John 3:16)**

**Are you a friend of God?**

*John 15:12-14*