



What
God
Deserves

The Great Commandment

28 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?”

29 “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.”

Mark 12:28-31 (NIV)



Not a new concept.

4 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.

Deuteronomy 6:4-5 (NIV)



God deserves ALL of us.

- ALL of our heart, soul mind and strength

Soul Defined

1. The breath of life.
2. The seat of feelings, desires, aversions and affections.
3. The soul differs from the body and is not dissolved by death.



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Strength Defined

1. Ability, force, might.



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“The Lord is my strength and my defense; he has become my salvation. He is my God, and I will praise him, my father’s God, and I will exalt him.

Exodus 15:2 (NIV)



God needs less of us.

Less of our sinful nature.

17 From that time on Jesus began to preach, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

Matthew 4:17 (NIV)

Whoever conceals their sins does not prosper, but the one who confesses and renounces them finds mercy.

Proverbs 28:13 (NIV)



God needs less of us.

Less of our habitual repentance.

2 Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.

Galatians 6:2 (NIV)