

Sermon Notes – September 13, 2020

Remember!

- ⇒ One of the great life principles we learn in grade school is that only a small proportion of learning is acquiring *new* information; the larger part of learning is remembering and assimilating what we already know.
- ⇒ One of the key words in Deuteronomy is, “Remember!” – See Deuteronomy 8...
- ⇒ Likewise, in Peter’s final book, one of his stated goals is, “to stir you up by way of reminder...so that after my departure you may be able at any time to recall these things.” (II Peter 1:13-15)

Today’s Texts & Themes!

In our numerous texts today, we will be remembering the text and the biblical context of “The Great Commandment.” As we begin this new and very unique ministry year, we want to remember, or revisit TWO most-important topics: The Great Commandment, and The Great Commission. These two “greats” are _____ to our year together, and to our next sermon series.

Amazing Glory! Yes, But Lesser Glory Than the Gospel

Visit: Exodus 19:16-21; 20:18-21; 33:11, 18-23; 34:29-35; 40:34-38

- ⇒ One of the greatest moments in the history of the world – the giving of the “Ten Commandments” (God _____!) came with a display of the glory of God.
- ⇒ Similarly, Moses was privileged to see glimpses of God’s glory as he received continuing revelation of God’s law & God’s character. The call to _____ was rooted in glory!
- ⇒ The “Shema” – Deuteronomy 6:4 (continuing through v. 9) is one of the key texts in the Jewish confession of faith. This text is a call to love the living God, the glorious God, the speaking God, the Deliverer, the Savior, the Sustainer; to make devotion to Him the essence of life itself.

What Commandment is the Most Important of All?

Visit: (John 1:14 & Mark 9:2-8) Mark 12:28-34

Revisiting the Great Commandment: A God-Centered Heart & a God-Centered Life (Key Texts: Exodus 19:16-21 & 40:34-38; Deut. 6; Mark 12; Rev. 21:3)

- ⇒ In Jesus we see the glory of God revealed!
- ⇒ Jesus answered a great question with a pivotal Old Testament text that every Jewish person present would have instantly recognized, and from a part of the Bible that many people think is full of a bunch of _____, He draws the truly main point – and don’t you miss it!
- ⇒ Of course, to highlight the main point is not to _____ the other details.
- ⇒ Two words about the “Second Commandment”: 1) This is not a call to _____; 2) Truly loving your neighbor involves pointing them, through words and actions, to the living God (more on that next week).

God’s Glorious Presence is the Ultimate Inheritance of Believers

Visit: Revelation 21:3-4, 22-23; 22:4-5

- ⇒ The amazing story in the Old Testament is that God would dwell in the midst of sinful people; so it is ultimately in eternity – “He will dwell with them... God Himself will be among them...”
- ⇒ What lights up heaven? The sun & moon? No, the _____!

Responding to God’s Word

- ⇒ We are not called to a program or to a position or to an organization or to a lifestyle; We are called to the life-transforming worship and joyful service of the living God, the God who has spoken, the God who IS, whose glory you will bask in for all eternity. We are called to love Him!
- ⇒ Are you doing that...or have you gotten lost in lesser details?
- ⇒ Let’s talk about the ministry year ahead...this coming week, fall preaching, the coming political season, and an ongoing pandemic.

Next Sunday: September 20, 2020

“Revisiting the Great Commission:
Cultivating a Passion for the Nations”

Matthew 28 & other texts

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