

**Minute Bible Study – February 2012**  
**Love the Lord (1<sup>st</sup> of Greatest Commandments)**

**Matthew 22: 35-38    Mark 12:28-34**

An expert in the law tested Jesus with the question “Teacher, which is the greatest commandment?” The expert in the law knows the law, that is the first five books of the Bible. He knows it well. It is central to the Jewish faith. Now he wants to know if Jesus knows. He wants to hear Jesus’ confession.

**What does Deuteronomy 6:4-5** say about the commandments?

So Jesus knew the law too. How does he describe this commandment in **Matthew 22:37**?

**Genesis 11:1-9**

What did the people love?

What did God do to them?

**Proverbs 11:28**

What happens to the person who does not place God first in his/her life?

What do you think this means?

**1 Corinthians 8:4**

How many gods, in other words, how many places, things, and people can a person love with all of the heart, soul, and might?

**Numbers 6:24–26**

When God is first in a person’s life, what can we expect?

Reflect on your own life. Where can you make changes on your life, changes where God is not first, where you do not love the Lord your God with all your heart, and soul, and might.

Then upon your confession and repentance, know also the joy of God’s forgiveness as He welcomes you through the one who has kept this commandment perfectly.