

And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart.

Deuteronomy 6:6

Store In My Heart

Mark 12:29-31

Jesus answered, "The most important is, 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

Here Jesus quotes Moses as he gave Israel a reminder of what God had done for them and the agreement they had made with God at Mount Sinai.

Love, for God and others is the foundation of all our service unto God. God's love for us gave us the means for salvation from sin. Our love for God pushes us to please him. Our love for God is shown in our love for others .

Love that makes us satisfy the needs of others is what pleases God.



Lasting Impressions

John Robertson

There are events in all of our lives that leave lasting impressions upon our minds. Events such as our marriage, a child being born, our baptism, first home run, and even the death of a loved one. The greater the event the deeper the imprint upon our mind and less likely that we forget.

Bible events leave some of the most lasting impressions upon the minds of those who read its pages. Consider these Bible events. God spoke and the universe and humanity was created. Moses, by the power of God, opens the Red Sea and collapses it upon the Egyptian army. The walls of Jericho fall. David slaying Goliath. The zeal of Jehu as he tramples Jezebel under his horse's hooves. Job's suffering at the hand of Satan. Jeremiah lamenting the horrific siege of Jerusalem when God's people ate their own children in a state of great desperation. Jonah being swallowed by a great fish, taken to the depths of the ocean, and surviving the ordeal. Jesus walking on the Sea of Galilee, raising Lazarus from the dead, and feeding the five thousand with five loaves and two fishes. Who can ever forget the horrific death of Christ on the cross, his resurrection from the dead and ascension into heaven?

Furthermore, great impressions are left in our mind after reading about the apostle Paul's journeys with the hardship and trials he underwent. There is the deep impressions left in our minds after reading John's revelation of the wicked of all humanity being trodden underfoot till their blood rises to bridle of the treading horses. The visions of hell are depicted

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For Our Information

Joyce Venable has run a little fever this week, still not feeling good.

Amy Simpson had hip surgery and is beginning to feel a little better.

Ezekiel Prevost entered the world a little after 8 Saturday morning at 7lb 1oz. Dan & JoBeth will be in Texas Monday & Tuesday.

We will in Judges 15 at 5 this evening.

Wednesday at 7 pm we are still studying in 1Corinthians 15.

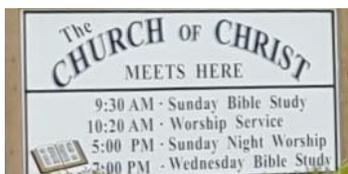
Pray for safety, courage & healing.

as horrific and agonizingly painful for all eternity. Heaven, on the other hand, leaves deep impressions of eternal comfort and joy.

The value of these events cannot be underestimated. Each of these events recorded in divine revelation impress upon our minds the reality of Jehovah God as the Almighty creator and sustainer of man. When people pause for a moment to look about and absorb the creation of earth and mankind we are awe struck by God's creativity. Divine revelation was designed to leave these lasting impressions upon our minds. The impressions, whether horrific, powerful, or beautiful leave an imprint upon our minds that cannot be taken away by man or Satan. These imprints produce lasting faith, conviction, stamina, and hope while we live in this world.

Moulton's Analytical Greek Lexicon defines our conscience as man's impression of reality (see page 391). It is these impressions that bring man to either condemnation or justification. Paul wrote, *"for when Gentiles that have not the law do by nature the things of the law, these, not having the law, are the law unto themselves; in that they show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience bearing witness therewith, and their thoughts one with another accusing or else excusing them;"* (Romans 2:14-15). God leaves lasting impressions upon man's mind through both the things we see in this world and the divine things that we read in our Bible. True reality is developed in the minds of those who read, understand, and obey. Said individuals know that the Lord Jesus Christ will one day, in the future, come to judge the world according to their deeds. Time will only tell what you do with the impressions God has made upon your mind. Will we be so impressed that we obey the gospel and remain faithful all the days of our lives? Or shall we be as the foolish who permit the things of greatest value in life slip through our fingers? True reality or delusion in sin, which will it be with you?

(An exercise for the reader this week. When "Bible" or "God's Word" is mentioned, what event or passage comes to your mind first? Does it vary or is it always the same? Tell it to someone. DLH)



We seek only to serve God according to His Will!