

First Love, First Loyalty

MARK 3:31-35

Intro. [A] These verses break and set aside one of the most common opinions of our age.

[1] That is, family must come first.

[2] It is a popular, politically corrected opin.

[3] It is an opinion, not necessarily a commit.

[B] The Bible is clear about family, it is important.

[1] We, in marriage, are to forsake our parents.

[2] It is wrong for husbands or wives to prefer their birth family over their husband or wife.

[3] "Momma" or "Daddy" has ruined many marriages.

[4] Leave your children alone, after marriage.

[C] There is an order, God's order.

[1] God claims our love, first.

[2] God claims our loyalty, first.

I. Our First Love Belongs To God.

[A] It was the basis of the O. T.

[1] Deut. 6:5-6

[2] If we do not love God, we will hate Him for laying such burdens upon us.

[B] The affirmation of Jesus.

[1] Matt. 22:36-40, Mark 12:28-33.

Matt. 6:40 [2] "hang" - κρεμάννμι = "to be suspended".

[3] "All the law and the prophets depend on these two commandments"

[4] All of our obedience and service must have an origin, it should be love.