

## The Pharisees Try Again

### **Matthew 22:34-46**

Intro:

- A. **The enemies of Jesus could not trap Him.**
  - 1. The disciples of the Pharisees and the Herodians failed.
  - 2. The Sadducees failed.
  
- B. **The Pharisees were gathered together.**
  - 1. They heard of the failure of the Sadducees.  
**V.34**
  - 2. Jesus had put them to silence.
  - 3. silence = φιμωω = "to muzzle."
  
- C. **A smart aleck lawyer attempts the impossible. V.35**
  - 1. "Then one of them, which was a lawyer..."
  - 2. "...asked him a question, tempting him..."

#### I. Their Question And His Answer.

- A. **"Master, which is the great commandment in the law"? v.36**
  - 1. master = διδασκαλος = "a teacher of scholars."
  - 2. great = μεγαs = large
  - 3. commandment = εντολη = "an injunction," "precept"
  
- B. **The answer of Jesus.**
  - 1. "...Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind..." **v.37**
  - 2. love = αγαπαω = "to cherish with reverence."
  - 3. heart = καρδια = "the seat of life", "the center of man's personal life" "this is the "inner man" "sanctum sanctorum"
  - 4. soul = ψυχη = "breath," "man's physical life"
  - 5. mind = διανοια = "a thinking through", mature thought, activity of thinking, the faculty of thought, the reflective exercise of the heart, consciousness called into exercise by moral affections.
  - 6. "This is the first and great commandment."  
**V.38**

C. **The second commandment. (Precept)**

1. love = αγαπω = (See I,B,3) **v.39**
2. neighbor = ο πλησιον = the one near, also, a fellowman, see John 4:5
3. thyself = εαυτου = "of one's self"

D. **"On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets"**

1. commandments = εντολη = "an injunction"
2. hang = κρεμαννυμαι = to hang, to hang up, let hang down, Mid. "to be suspended".
3. "The whole of the law and the prophets is summed up in these two commandments" - Wey
4. Without these two commandments all other scripture writings will have little affect.

II. Jesus Asked The Pharisees A Question.

A. **"...What think ye of Christ? Whose son is he?"**

1. "What is your opinion..." - Knox **v.42**
2. "What about the Messiah"... - Tay
3. Jesus is not asking them what they think of Him but, whose Son will He be?
4. "They say unto Him, The Son of David."

B. **He will be a descendant of David but He will be David's Lord.**

1. David, by the Spirit of God, called Him Lord. **V.43**
2. Jesus quoted scripture. **V.44**
3. The scripture. Psalm 110:1

C. **The dilemma.**

1. He is not David's literal son. **V.45**
2. He is a descendant.
3. Christ will be God's Son and the one who sits on His father David's throne.

III. The Pharisees Silenced.

A. **"And no man was able to answer him a word..." v.46**

1. able = δυναμαι = "inherent power" "strength"
2. No one could match His power!

B. **"...neither durst any man from that day forth ask**

him any more questions."

1. After this incident.
2. No one person or group dared quiz Him.

