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☐ **Matthew 22:34-40**

- ◆ “Obedience without _____ is as impossible as it is worthless.”
- ◆ Every divinely inspired word or command ever written hangs on this two-fold commandment to love our _____ supremely and to love our _____ impartially.
- ◆ For, according to Jesus, _____ is more important than _____ .
 - Could it be that in fact James was right, that “_____ triumphs over judgment” (James 2:13)?
 - And that there is something more _____ than truth?

☐ **Matthew 23:23, 24**

- ◆ A single woe that proves an _____ of truth.
- ◆ “You have omitted the _____ matters of the law: justice and _____ and faith.”
- ◆ The very word “weightier” clearly suggests an _____ of values and truths and laws and duties, does it not?
- ◆ When Luke records these words of Jesus, he renders it, “justice and the _____ of God” (Luke 11:42).
- ◆ “He has shown you, O man, what is good—and what does the LORD require of you but to do justly and to love _____ and to walk humbly with your God.” (Micah 6:8)

☐ **And what does Love’s hierarchy teach us?**

- ◆ First, it spares us the embarrassment of becoming a community that majors in the _____ and minors in the _____ .
- ◆ Secondly, it teaches us that the value of _____ transcends the virtue of _____ .
 - *“Cleanliness and order are Christian _____ , yet even these may be carried too far, and made the one essential, while matters of greater importance are neglected. Those who neglect the interests of the children for these considerations are tithing the mint and cummin, while they neglect the weightier matters of the law—justice, mercy, and the love of*

God.” (FE 157, emphasis supplied)

- Jesus declared that the _____ commandment transcends the _____ Commandments, for they must hang upon it and not it upon them.
- For is not Calvary itself the triumph of mercy over judgment, the transcendence of self-sacrificing love over self-centered duty?
- ◆ C. S. Lewis: “What you say about the VII Day Adventists interests me extremely. If they have so much _____ there must be something very right about them.” (*Letters to an American Lady*, p 109)

What is the greatest commandment?

love, God, neighbor, love, truth, mercy, important, hierarchy, weightier, mercy, hierarchy, love, mercy, minors, majors, people, duty, duties, great, Ten, charity