



Daily Reflections

June 8, 2017

Scripture

Mark 12: 28-34

One of the scribes came to Jesus and asked him,
"Which is the first of all the commandments?"

Jesus replied, "The first is this:

Hear, O Israel!

The Lord our God is Lord alone!

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,
with all your soul, 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."

The scribe said to him, "Well said, teacher.

You are right in saying,

He is One and there is no other than he.

And to love him with all your heart,

with all your understanding,

with all your strength,

and to love your neighbor as yourself

is worth more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices."

And when Jesus saw that he answered with understanding,
he said to him, "You are not far from the Kingdom of God."

And no one dared to ask him any more questions.

Our Scripture Reflection

We read in today's text from Mark, that a young legal scholar called a scribe approached Jesus with a much debated question: Which commandment is the most important of all the commandments? Jesus' response delighted the scribe. To love God, one must love neighbor and self as well. Think about it...Is there any commandment more important?

Food for your Journey

Mother Teresa of Calcutta had a dream. She told her superiors, "I have three pennies and a dream from God to build an orphanage."

"Mother Teresa," her superiors chided gently, "you cannot build an orphanage with three pennies. With three pennies, you can't do anything."

"I know," she said, smiling, "but with God and three pennies I can do anything!"

-Robert Schuller, *You Are Wonderful*

(Norwalk, Connecticut:

The C.R. Gibson Company, 1987), 20.

A Prayer from the Heart

Dear Jesus, Help me to live in such a way that I put You at the center of my life. May I reveal my love for You by the way I love others. Amen.