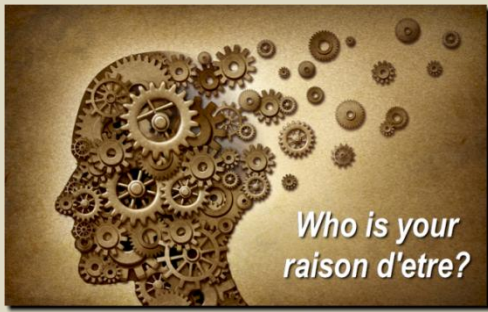




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LESSON NOTES THE SHEMA: IMPLICATIONS AND CHALLENGES

Issues, Conundra & Scripture — Matthew 22:34-46 (Sunday's Sermon Scripture)

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SOME CULTURAL CHALLENGES TO THE SHEMA

Challenges Then: Better to...

1. Avoid pork or mixing donkey & ox on the same yoke?
2. Give to the temple or care for our elders?
3. Financially support an evil government or comply?

Challenges Today: Better to...

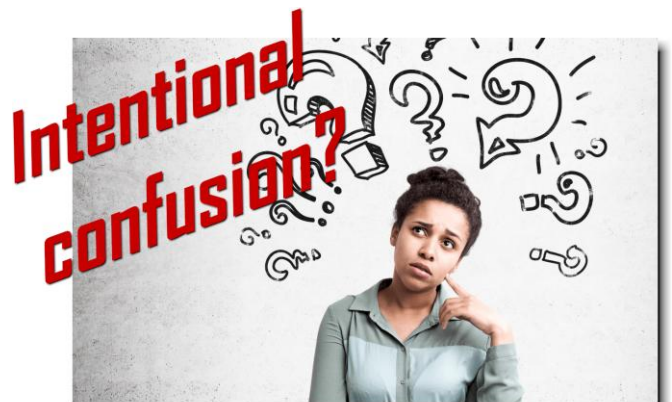
1. Be honest or kind?
2. Forgive or be firm?
3. Be generous to the church or to people?
4. Be *appropriately* dressed or *modestly* dressed?
5. Respect everyone or respect only those who deserve respect?

JUST WHAT ARE THE PRIORITIES OF THE SHEMA?

A QUESTION TO CHALLENGE YOUR THINKING:

WHICH PRIORITY DOES THE SHEMA EMPHASIZE?

What makes following the Shema difficult?



A QUESTION TO EXPAND YOUR UNDERSTANDING:

REGARDING THIS INCIDENT, WHY DOES LUKE INCLUDE THE GOOD SAMARITAN NARRATIVE BUT MATTHEW DOES NOT?

Why is/was it important to know what is the most important commandment of the Lord God?

Why were the Pharisees testing one of their own on this issue?

Why did the Christ's reference to King David, the Psalmist, silence the critics here?

MATTHEW 22:34-46 ^{NIV}

Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together. ³⁵One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: ³⁶"Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?"

³⁷Jesus replied: " 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' [Deuteronomy 6:5] ³⁸This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' [Leviticus 19:18] ⁴⁰All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

⁴¹While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, ⁴²"What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is he?"

"The son of David," they replied.

⁴³He said to them, "How is it then that David, speaking by the Spirit, calls him 'Lord?' For he says, ⁴⁴"The Lord said to my Lord:

'Sit at my right hand until I put your enemies under your feet.' " [Psalm 110:1]

⁴⁵If then David calls him "Lord," how can he be his son?" ⁴⁶No one could say a word in reply, and from that day on no one dared to ask him any more questions.