

This Week's Readings

First Reading: Exodus 22: 20-26.

Moses puts ideals of justice and love before the people of Israel.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2: 5-10.

Paul praises the people of Thessalonica for the way they are living what they have learned about Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 22: 34-40.

Jesus sums up the Law and the Prophets in his great commandment:

"You shall love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself".



Points for Reflection

1. Look after the widow and the orphan. Don't exact more than your due from a debtor. Don't let any man go cold (**First Reading**). Like these three laws, **most of the laws, which Moses gave his people, concerned our treatment of each other. One law held a pre-eminent position and had become the prayer of profession of faith, the "Shemah": "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength".**
2. **Jesus ties our love of God tightly to our love for each other (Gospel).** Henceforth it will be clear for all time that the only proof we can have that we love God is by the love we show for our neighbour. The total love of God is not so much a verse of Scripture; rather, it belongs to the realm of spirit, conviction, worship, and orientations, which finds flowering in the love of neighbour. In fact, as a form of worshipping God, the love of neighbour is the most difficult and it is here that many, including the Pharisees and other religious leaders, fail. The radical love of God is expressed in the radical love of neighbour.

And this love of neighbour is to be as great as our love of ourselves. Since all our instincts force us towards our own survival and our own growth, to say that we must love our neighbour as ourselves, is to say that somehow we must put ourselves into the skin of the other person.

3. **Paul praises the people of Thessalonica for the way they have understood this message and are living it out (Second Reading).** The message applies equally to us.

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Kids' Corner
THE TEN COMMANDMENTS
 (EXODUS 19:20-20:17).



“And he gave unto Moses, when he had made an end of communing with him upon mount Sinai, two tables of testimony, tables of stone, written with the finger of God.”

EXODUS 31:18