

What God Most Wants

Gospel of Mark Series – Part 38

Scripture text – Mark 12:28-34

Introduction

- It has long been a tactic of war to attack the enemy in _____. This is what Jesus' enemies did with him.
- This would be Jesus' last _____ teaching. In it, he addresses 3 questions.

Who is God?

- AW Tozer: "*What comes into our minds when we think about God is the single most _____ thing about us.*"
- In answering the scribe's question, Jesus quoted the _____, which was the basic confession of Jewish faith (prayed twice a day).
- Affirmations about God:
 1. We enjoy with him a _____ covenantal relationship. The Christian parallel is the invitation to address God as _____. This implies an even more intimate covenantal relationship.
 2. He is God _____, supreme in his _____.

What Does God Most Want?

- A Muslim would say God most wants our _____. However, according to Jesus, God most wants our _____. Wow!
- However, we often have a distorted view of this, along several lines:
 1. Motivation
 - Worldly: To _____
 - Biblical: To _____
 2. Value
 - Worldly: Determined by _____
 - Biblical: Determined by _____
 3. Foundation
 - Worldly: _____
 - Biblical: _____

- Putting it together: What God most wants of us is to seek him for his _____ sake, on the basis of his inherent _____, and to enjoy, not merely what he can give us, but to enjoy _____.

What Absolutely Certain Of?

- The scribe was close to, but not *in*, the _____ of God. There is no greater tragedy.
- What it means to be a Christian:
 1. (narrow view) Jesus is my _____ and I get to go to _____ when I die.
 2. (richer view) Jesus is my _____ and I live under his _____ right now, even as I await its _____.