### **Good News from Chardon**

**Chardon Church of Christ** 

June 24, 2018

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#### Schedule of

Services: Greeting: Tom Song Leader: Myron **Opening Song:** 256—God is Love **Opening Prayer:** Ray **Hymn**: 255 – 0 to be Like Thee! Scripture Reading: Ryan Mark 12:28-34 Hymn: 26 – In The Garden Lord's Supper: Robert & Ron Hymn: 78 – This Is My Father's World Sermon: Tom Invitation Hymn: 647 – Almost Persuaded Closing Hymn: 67 -Praise God **Closing Prayer:** Mark

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## **Do You Hate God?**

Issue 25

By Seth Myers

Do you hate God? Don't answer yet. Properly ponder over this pragmatically prolific profundity—er, just think about it for a few seconds.

In Mark 12:30, Jesus said the greatest commandment is that man love God with every fiber of his being (cp. Deut. 6:4,5). So, what about you? Do you love God, or hate Him?

(Thinking "love"?).

OK, let's skip ahead to the necessary follow-up question: What does it actually mean to "love God"? Since loving God is the greatest commandment (Mk. 12:30), it is probably a good idea to find out what it means to love God!

Thankfully, God has not left us to puzzle it out: for He—in His written word—has told us exactly what it means to "love" Him. Consider the following "God-breathed" passages (2 Tim. 3:16,17):

- ◊ "If you love me, you will keep my commandments" (John 14:15).
  - "Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, HE it is who loves me..." (John 14:21a).
- "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word..." (John 14:23a).
- "For THIS is the love of God, that we keep his commandments..." (1 John 5:3a; cp. 2 John 6).

Thus, according to the Lord, Himself: To "Love God" = To "OBEY God" (cf. Matt. 7:21-23; Luke 6:46; John 3:36; 2 Thess. 1:7-9).

As with all spiritual matters, the only definition that matters is God's definition. Thankfully, He has spoken (cf. 1 Cor. 2:9-13; Heb. 1:1,2; 1 Pet. 1:20,21; 2 Tim. 3:16,17):

Those who love Him are those who keep His commandments (Jn. 14:15,21,23).

All those who do not keep God's commandments, by His own definition, hate Him—even if they "feel" that they love Him (Jn. 14:24).

So what about you? Do you love God (obey His word), or hate Him (disregard His word)?

- Seth Myers preaches for the Highway church of Christ in Sullivan, IL

#### **PRAYER LIST**

\*Ray and Rebecca's grandson Asher was born last week. He required surgery but is recovering now. \*Cindy lost her brother. She is still battling infections.

\*Carl's sister, Heidi, is in cancer treatment.

\*Pat is having health issues. \*Dale, his friend Jimmy, his mother and his cousin Jayna and her family. \*Juanita, her sons, Dale and Ron and her daughter, Debbie. \*Ray, Rebecca, and Steven. \*Ruth and her brother George.

#### CALENDAR

Jun. 24—Bible Study 10am Mark Jun. 24—Worship 11 am & 6 pm Speaker: Tom Jun. 27—Bible Study 7 pm, Rob Jun. 28—a. Myron & Carole Jun. 29-Marlboro Friday night sing Jul. 1—Bible Study 10am Mark Jul. 1—Worship 11 am & 6 pm Speaker: Tom Jul. 1—Business Meeting Jul. 4—Bible Study 7 pm, Tom Jul. 4—Cookout at Blackford's Jul. 7— b. Rebecca Jul. 8—Bible Study 10am Mark Jul. 8—Worship 11 am & 6 pm Speaker: Tom Jul. 8—Potluck Jul. 8-b. Ruth

Answer to Puzzle: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.

#### Which Is the First Commandment of All?

#### Scripture Reference: Mark 12:28-30

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# Don't be like a wheel barrow...always having to be pushed and very easily upset.

SUNDAY: Bible Class — 10:00 am; Worship — 11:00 am; Evening — 6:00 pm Wednesday Evening — 7:00 pm

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