

***Building Your Faith: Exploring Scripture with the Pastors***  
**“Nine from the New” Summer Series**  
**June 13, 2021 - Clay Brown, Associate Pastor for Equipping Ministries**  
**Matthew 22:34-40 - “The Great Commandment”**

**Teaching Outline for Notes:**

1. Introduction: The Interesting Importance of Reversing Expectations
2. Setting: Sadducees, Pharisees, and the Rest (vv. 34-35)
3. Putting God on the Spot (v. 36)
4. Reversing Expectations Part 1 (vv. 37-38)
5. Reversing Expectations Part 2 (vv. 39-40)
6. Implication #1: The Importance of “All”
7. Implication #2: The Importance of “Your”

## Two Translations of the Scripture:

*English Standard Version (ESV)*

*(Essentially Literal in Translation Philosophy)*

34 But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. 35 And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. 36 “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” 37 And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. 38 This is the great and first commandment. 39 And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. 40 On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”

*New Living Translation (NLT)*

*(Dynamic Equivalence Translation Philosophy)*

34 But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees with his reply, they met together to question him again. 35 One of them, an expert in religious law, tried to trap him with this question: 36 “Teacher, which is the most important commandment in the law of Moses?” 37 Jesus replied, “‘You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.’<sup>[a]</sup> 38 This is the first and greatest commandment. 39 A second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’<sup>[b]</sup> 40 The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments.”

Footnotes

<sup>[a]</sup> 22:37 Deut 6:5.

<sup>[b]</sup> 22:39 Lev 19:18.