## THE FIRST COMMANDMENT

Scripture Reading before Invocation Prayer: Proverbs 3: 5-10
Scripture Lesson: St. Matthew 22: 34 - 40 (cf. Deuteronomy 6:4-5, St. Mark 12: 28 - 34)

## Subject: THOU SHALT LOVE THE LORD THY GOD WITH ALL THY HEART, AND WITH ALL THY SOUL, AND WITH ALL THY MIND... AND THY NEIGHBOR AS THYSELF.

Text: I John 4: 7 - 13 "LOVE IS A RESPONSE", we love him because He first loved us. Introduction: St. Luke 10: 25 - 37 the good Samaritan

## Lesson Outline - Love is the More Excellent Way

1. Galatians 5: $14-26$ all the law is fulfilled in one word..."It's all about love"
2. James 2: 8-11 If ye fulfill the royal law, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thy self.
3. I Timothy 1:5-13 The end of the Commandment is charity out of a pure heart.
4. Romans 13: $8-10$ he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law. "LOVE IS THE FULFILLING OF THE LAW"
5. St. Matthew 5: 44-48 love your enemies. What do we more than others?
6. St. Matthew 7: 12 "The Golden rule" The Law and the Prophets and the Gospel!
7. St. John 14: 15, 21 if ye love me, keep my commandments.

Self-love is not selfish love, egotistical or self-centered, but taking care to feed and clothe yourself, to work and make a honest living, respect yourself, watch how you live, walk circumspectly, responsibilities, goals, purpose, and concern for the welfare of our own souls. God demonstrated that he loves you and you naturally have value. The way He loves you is the way you should love yourself and others. Take care of yourself and take time for yourself so you can be a better help to others; recharge every now and then, keep thyself pure, keep thyself unspotted, keep the commandments, keep the faith.

