

Matthew 22:34-46

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³⁴When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had left the Sadducees speechless, they met together. ³⁵One of them, a legal expert, tested him. ³⁶“Teacher, what is the greatest commandment in the Law?” ³⁷He replied, “*You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your being, and with all your mind.*” ³⁸This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹And the second is like it: *You must love your neighbor as you love yourself.* ⁴⁰All the Law and the Prophets depend on these two commands.” ⁴¹Now as the Pharisees were gathering, Jesus asked them, ⁴²“What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is he?” “David’s son,” they replied. ⁴³He said, “Then how is it that David, inspired by the Holy Spirit, called him Lord when he said, ⁴⁴*The Lord said to my lord, ‘Sit at my right side until I turn your enemies into your footstool’?*” ⁴⁵If David calls him Lord, how can he be David’s son?” ⁴⁶Nobody was able to answer him. And from that day forward nobody dared to ask him anything.

Leader: The word of God for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17

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¹Lord, you have been our help, generation after generation. ²Before the mountains were born, before you birthed the earth and the inhabited world - from forever in the past to forever in the future, you are God.

³You return people to dust, saying, “Go back, humans,” ⁴because in your perspective a thousand years are like yesterday past, like a short period during the night watch.

⁵You sweep humans away like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning. ⁶True, in the morning it thrives, renewed, but come evening it withers, all dried up.

¹³Come back to us, Lord! Please, quick! Have some compassion for your servants! ¹⁴Fill us full every morning with your faithful love so we can rejoice and celebrate our whole life long.

¹⁵Make us happy for the same amount of time that you afflicted us - for the same number of years that we saw only trouble.

¹⁶Let your acts be seen by your servants; let your glory be seen by their children. ¹⁷Let the kindness of the Lord our God be over us. Make the work of our hands last. Make the work of our hands last!

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

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¹Then Moses hiked up from the Moabite plains to Mount Nebo, the peak of the Pisgah slope, which faces Jericho. The Lord showed him the whole land: the Gilead region as far as Dan's territory; ²all the parts belonging to Naphtali along with the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, as well as the entirety of Judah as far as the Mediterranean Sea; ³also the arid southern plain, and the plain - including the Jericho Valley, Palm City - as far as Zoar. ⁴Then the Lord said to Moses: "This is the land that I swore to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob when I promised: 'I will give it to your descendants.' I have shown it to you with your own eyes; however, you will not cross over into it." ⁵Then Moses, the Lord's servant, died - right there in the land of Moab, according to the Lord's command. ⁶The Lord buried him in a valley in Moabite country across from Beth-peor. Even now, no one knows where Moses' grave is. ⁷Moses was 120 years old when he died. His eyesight wasn't impaired, and his vigor hadn't diminished a bit. ⁸Back down in the Moabite plains, the Israelites mourned Moses' death for thirty days. At that point, the time for weeping and for mourning Moses was over. ⁹Joshua, Nun's son, was filled with wisdom because Moses had placed his hands on him. So the Israelites listened to Joshua, and they did exactly what the Lord commanded Moses. ¹⁰No prophet like Moses has yet emerged in Israel; Moses knew the Lord face-to-face! ¹¹That's not even to mention all those signs and wonders that the Lord sent Moses to do in Egypt - to Pharaoh, to all his

servants, and to his entire land - ¹²as well as all the extraordinary power that Moses displayed before Israel's own eyes!