

Scripture Readings

*The Old Testament Scripture reading is received from **Leviticus** chapter **19** verses **15-18**, which can be found on page **131** in the **old testament** of your pew bible.*

¹⁵You shall not pervert justice, either by favouring the poor or by subservience to the great. You shall judge your fellow-countryman with strict justice. You shall not go about spreading slander among your father's kin, nor take sides against your neighbour on a capital charge. I am the Lord. You shall not nurse hatred against your brother. You shall reprove your fellow-countryman frankly and so you will have no share in his guilt. You shall not seek revenge, or cherish anger towards your kinsfolk; you shall love your neighbour as a man like yourself. I am the Lord.

*The New Testament Scripture reading is received from **Matthew** chapter **22** verses **34-46**, which can be found on page **32** in the **new testament** of your pew bible...*

³⁴Hearing that he had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees met together; and one of their number tested him with this question: 'Master, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?' He answered, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind." That is the greatest commandment. It comes first. The second is like it: "Love your neighbour as yourself." Everything in the Law and the prophets hangs on these two commandments.

Turning to the assembled Pharisees Jesus asked them, 'What is your opinion about the Messiah? Whose son is he?' 'The son of David', they replied. 'How then is it', he asked, 'that David by inspiration calls him "Lord"? For he says, "The Lord said to my Lord, 'Sit at my right hand until I put your enemies under your feet.'" If David calls him

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“Lord”, how can he be David’s son?’ Not a man could say a word in reply; and from that day forward no one dared ask him another question.

May the Lord God help us to apply this scripture in our lives.