

# Matthew 22:40

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

## Analysis

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Reformed theology emphasizes the divine initiative evident in this text. The verse connects to broader biblical themes of covenant, redemption, and God's unchanging character. Understanding this passage requires recognizing both its historical context and its application to Christian life.

## Historical Context

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The historical setting involved complex religious and political dynamics. Jewish leaders maintained authority through Roman tolerance while common people sought deliverance. Jesus' teaching addressed both immediate concerns and eternal truths.

## Related Passages

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**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

**1 John 4:8** — God is love

## Study Questions

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1. How does this verse deepen your appreciation for Christ?
2. What false beliefs or practices does this text correct?
3. How should you share this truth with others?

## Interlinear Text

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ἐν ταύταις ταῖς δυσὶν ἐντολαῖς ὅλος ὁ νόμος καὶ  
On G3778 two commandments all G3588 the law and  
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οἱ προφῆται κρέμανται  
the prophets hang  
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## Additional Cross-References

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**Romans 13:9** (Word): For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; and if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

**Matthew 7:12** (Word): Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets.

**John 1:17** (Word): For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.

**James 2:8** (Word): If ye fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself, ye do well: