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Jesus said in Mark 12:29-31 *"The most important one, answered Jesus, is this Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these."*

The operative focus is we cannot Love anybody else and we cannot truly Love God until we love ourselves. Loving self means thanking God for creating us as an African People; Loving self means celebrating our culture as a people; Loving self means savoring our sable skin and relishing in our complexions, It means holding in the highest esteem the texture of our hair; it means cherishing God's gift in our broad noses and voluptuous lips. Beloved, in Arizona the Governor has signed into law a ban on "Cultural Education" in the public school. It is not enough to have a racist draconian immigration law but now there is an all out attack on anybody who is different. If we want to eliminate young people killing each other then we have to go back to the basics of the awesomeness of being of African descent and the beauty of Blackness. We have to teach our children to love who they are by knowing their story.

There will be no true liberation for black people until we coalesce around our Africanity for our common destiny. There will be no political, economic or sociological solutions to our sufferings unless we emphasize our ethnic excellence. We will always feel intimidated by others and what they think. We will have political position and still nominate a white women whose record on hiring minorities is a hot mess instead of any number of qualified Black women, all because we are worried about what others will say.

We begin today by saluting the strength, savviness and sexiness of our Soul Sistahs. We worship God today for Black women. We thank God for blessing us with the Crown of Creation in African women. Like the poem says *"A Room full of Sistahs like Jewels in a crown, Cinnamon, coffee and dark chocolate brown."* Please make sure you are here for both services and that you are here each night for women's week as we show how much we love us and especially the fine fragrance of Black women's femininity! In fact make sure you bring somebody. I personally thank God for his Divine Deputy Mayor of Trinity Rev. Dena Holland-Neal. I thank God for my Friend the Ravishing Commentator on Calvary Rev. Ramah E. Wright. I give God praise the Jesus Joy bringer in Rev. Jackie Drago-Hunter. I honor God for his Marvelous Messenger of Mercy Rev. Linda Mootry-Dodd and I give God Glory for his dynamic Divine Dynamo in Rev. Stacey L. Edwards-Dunn. Won't you celebrate our Audaciously Anointed Women who Ward off the Adversary with me this day and this week?

Be Encouraged


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