



## Part 5: The Shema Deuteronomy 6:1-12

### I. Love the LORD Your God

“These are the commands, decrees and laws (613 commands) the LORD your God directed me to teach you to observe in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to possess, so that you, your children and their children after them **may fear the LORD** your God as long as you live by keeping all his decrees and commands that I give you, and so that you may enjoy long life. Hear, Israel, and be careful to obey so that it may go well with you and that you may increase greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, just as the LORD, the God of your ancestors, promised you.”

**“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 strength.** These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. **Impress them on your children.** Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.”

“When the LORD your God brings you into the land he swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, to give you—a land with large, flourishing cities you did not build, houses filled with all kinds of good things you did not provide, wells you did not dig, and vineyards and olive groves you did not plant—then when you eat and are satisfied, be careful that you **do not forget the LORD**, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.”

Deuteronomy 6:1-12

Commands, precepts, laws, law of Moses, particular conditions of God's covenant with Israel, clear-cut directives revealed by inspiration and in effect until the cross of Christ.

Teach to Observe: to learn, to study, training, root is an OX GOAD (8-foot staff to move cattle)

Impress: teach them diligently, pierce through, DEEP, SO DEEP, THAT IT STICKS!

IMPRESS WHAT?

1. THE LORD OUR GOD, THE LORD IS ONE (v4)
2. LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH (v5)

How? SHOW THEM... (not just in words, but in actions)

**Tefillin** (forehead literally means "between the eyes")

Two small leather cases containing Hebrew Scriptures, traditionally worn on the forehead and left arm by Jewish men during morning prayer

**Mezuzah** (for protection over the house or building)

## II. Connecting to New Testament

### The Greatest Commandment

Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together. One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?"

"Jesus replied: 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' [Leviticus 19:18] All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments." Matthew 22:34-40

To impress onto the next generations, WHAT DOES THIS REQUIRE? (Talk, Tie, Bind, Write...)

IMPRESSING must be:

- **Consistent**
- **Radical**

"If you do not teach your children, the world will."

"In summary, I would define the *world* as a system of ideas, values, morals, practices, and social norms that are integrated into the mainstream and eventually institutionalized in a culture corrupted by the twin sins of rebellion against God and the redefinition of good and evil." – John Mark Comer, *Live No Lies*, p. 205

- **Convictions**
- **Lovingly Lived Out**

## III. This is About the Lord

Opener:

Deuteronomy 6:1-2 "... the Lord your God directed me to teach you to observe... so that you, your children and their children after them may fear the Lord your God as long as you live..."

Closer:

Deuteronomy 6:12 "be careful that you do not forget the Lord"

- Parents: Obvious
- Grandparents: "and their children"
- Church Family: WE are called to raising our kids together (children & student ministries)
- Neighbors & Friends...

Ex: Non-Parents?

Grayson Ferlin (my next-door neighbor)  
We are on Team Ferlin!

WHAT TEAMS ARE YOU ON?

Q: WHAT CONSISTENT RADICAL CONVICTIONS DO YOU WANT TO LOVINGLY LIVE OUT?

Impress these on "your" children

- Sacrifice
- Planning
- Bruises (from kids & culture)

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