

Taking Aim: The Three Greats

Love God as a family – The Shema

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Matthew 22:34-40, 28:19-20, Deuteronomy 6:1-9

Love God. Love People. Change the World.

personally – **family** – church

Matthew 22:37-38

³⁷ Jesus replied: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’
³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment.”

Deuteronomy 6:1-9

¹ These are the commands, decrees and laws the LORD your God directed me to teach you to observe in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to possess, ² 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. ³ Hear, O 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 fathers, promised you.

⁴ Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. ⁵ Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. ⁶ These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. ⁷ 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. ⁸ Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. ⁹ Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

-v.5 “Love the LORD your God” – this is the OT source of Jesus’ Greatest Commandment in Matt 22:27

-vv.1-3, 7-9 The family theme is strong throughout.

v.2 “so that you and your children and their children after them”

v.3 “that you may increase greatly”

-v.4 “Hear” (Shema *Hebrew*)

Mark 4 (The Parable of the Soils)

v.3 ‘Listen!’ v.9 “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

James 1:22, 25

“O Israel” Christians are the ones who “wrestle” with both men & God.

Galatians 3:26-29

“The LORD” (YHWH, “I AM”)

“Jesus” (Yeshua, “Yahweh Saves”) Matthew 1:21

“is one” – one, not many / alone, the only God

John 1:1-3, John 14:6-11

-vv.6-9 These **truths** must be passed down from generation to generation, by parents & grandparents.

v.6 They must be on your heart.

v.7 Talk about them at home, away from home,

when you’re sitting, when you’re walking,

when you’re going to sleep, & when you’re waking up.

v.8 On your hands & your forehead, so you & others will always see them.

v.9 You & your generations know them, & all who know you, knows these truths