



“Hear, O Israel”

Deuteronomy 6:1-9

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The Wow factor:

- a. Presence of God among His people (v7)
- b. Righteous laws (v8)

Remember:

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- b. The purpose of remembering is to obey.
Because not remembering, or forgetfulness, opens the door to disobedience and failure.

- Why does God give us commands?
- What really is a command?
- Why does He command us to love Him?

Deuteronomy 6:1

“Now this is the commandment, and these are the statutes and judgments which the Lord your God has commanded to teach you, that you may observe them **in the land which you are crossing over** to possess,”

Deuteronomy 1:1

“These are the words which Moses spoke to all Israel **on this side of the Jordan in the wilderness**, in the plain opposite Suph, between Paran, Tophel, Laban, Hazeroth, and Dizahab ...”

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Deuteronomy 6:2

“that you may fear the Lord your God, to keep all His statutes and His commandments which I command you, **you and your son and your grandson**, all the days of your life, and that your days may be prolonged.”

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**Good Laws
reveal the
Good God
who gave them.**

Deuteronomy 4:8

“And what other nation is so great as to have such righteous decrees and laws as this body of laws I am setting before you today.”

Deuteronomy 6:3

“Therefore hear, O Israel, and be careful to observe it, **that it may be well with you**, and that you may **multiply greatly** as the Lord God of your fathers has promised you — ‘a **land** flowing with milk and honey.’”

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Deuteronomy 5:29, 33

“Oh, that they had such a heart in them that they would fear Me and always keep all My commandments, **that it might be well with them** and with their children forever!”

“You shall walk in all the ways which the Lord your God has commanded you, that you may live and **that it may be well with you**, and that you may prolong your days in the land which you shall possess.”

God's commands and us:

- **Holy laws are an expression of God's holy nature**
- Because we are created in God's image, we are fully human and truly happy only **when our lives express His holy laws.**

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**A command is a call
to be like God, and
to live like God.**

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Deuteronomy 6:4-5

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**God wants us to love Him
so that we would be happy!**

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- **Why does He command us to love Him?**

Deuteronomy 6:4-5

“Hear, O Israel:

The Lord our God, the Lord is one!”

- *“No one is like You.”*
- *“There is only One You.”*
- *“We love Only You.”*

Deuteronomy 6:4-5

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the Lord is one! **You shall love the
Lord your God with all your heart,
with all your soul, and with all your
strength.**”

**For there's no one else
& nothing worth **LOVING**
more than Him.**

Deuteronomy 5:29

“Oh, that they had such a heart in them that they would fear Me and always keep all My commandments, that it might be well with them and with their children forever!”

Isaiah 48:18, 49:15

“**Oh, that** you had heeded My commands! Then your peace would have been like a river, and your righteousness like the waves of the sea.”

“**Can a woman forget her nursing child,**
And not have compassion on the son of
her womb? Surely they may forget, yet
I will not forget you.”

Deuteronomy 6:6-9

“And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.”

Live It Out

- ✧ **Internalize and Teach God's Laws**
(Deut 6:6-9)
- ✧ **Learn to love His Commands**
(Psalm 119: 47, 97, 113 ...)
- ✧ **Take time & make space to "Hear"**
(Deut 6:4)
- ✧ **Open your heart; take the risk of loving God** (Deut 6:5)

Isaiah 1:18

“Come now, and let us reason together,” Says the Lord,
“Though your sins are like scarlet,
They shall be as white as snow;
Though they are red like
crimson, They shall be as wool.