

I. The Promise - Dt. 6:1-3

1. Post Ten Commands - that's what he refers to as "commands" in verse 1
 - keep them and the "laws"
- Rea -I think that these "laws" and "rules" need to be differentiated - for example, the Pharisees were into the "rules"
- Rea -Jesus said if you love me keep my "commandments" - "obedience" is still in play
2. The laws are God-given and are "taught"
 - at Ex. 24:7 they promised to obey the laws
3. Four benefits of obedience:
 - A. We fear God
 - Rea -keeping the law demonstrates reverence for God - we honor Him in this way - in the same way that we honor our parents by obeying them
 - B. Lends itself to a long and full life
 - Rea -"abundant life?" (John 10:10)
 - Rea -that your joy may be "full" (1 John 1:4)
 - C. Keeping His law leads to prosperity in the land
 - Rea -not to slice too thin but the text actually says "that it may go well with thee" - not that you may be "prosperous" - they are two different things
 - the Bible never promises riches
 - Rea -also, included idea is that the land is rich, but we must work it... mine the riches from the land. There is something in YOUR hand - you must do something.
 - D. You will increase greatly
 - Rea -"increase" is not defined totally here
- Rea **Ideas and Questions:**
 1. What is said about these promises might be said about many other promises as well
 2. "Obedience" does not mean there will be no struggle - the land was filled with enemies that must be driven out
 3. If you are a believer that does not mean you do not now have to struggle with the flesh - the flesh and spirit war with one another inside us
 4. How much money does it take to be "prosperous?"

II. The Passion - Dt. 6:4-5

1. The Shema is verses 4-5
2. Options as to what the Shema means:
 - A. The Lord is one - one God - not separate persons
 - B. There is only one God
 - C. He is "one of a kind"
 - D. He has a single purpose
- Rea -all these are true... but our writer says that these are not the intended meaning

3. Lord means the same thing as the word “Yahweh”
 “Yahweh is our God” - might be an acceptable translation
 Verse 5 says that He is due our singular loyalty - just as a woman ought be

faithful

to her husband - He is our one and only God - singular devotion

Rea **Ideas and Questions:**

1. God is “one” is similar to “I Am” - not many but one
 -He is and that is enough
2. Also:
 -I am - not I was, or I will be - singular in terms of time/ philosophically one
3. The writer seems to interpret verse 4 as saying... He is our One - focus, deserving of devotion
4. Verse 5 has a “therefore” character about it - since He is “one” love Him singularly - with all you have, mind, heart and soul - not part of your heart, mind and soul

III. The Proclamation - Dt. 6:6-9

1. These commands are to be in your hearts
 -not just your minds, or in your regulations - serve Him with heart (soul)

Rea

2. What then happens?
 A. You talk about them when you sit at supper
 B. You muse about them when you lie down at night
 C. You meditate, and contemplate these commands as you work the fields

3. Impress them on your children (verse 7)

Rea

- as you would impress on them to love Alabama or Auburn
4. Tie them on your hands and foreheads
 -phyllactery is sometimes a bracelet or a plaque on the wall, or some even tied scripture in a small box on their heads
 -write them on your doorframes - to see as you go in and out
 -write them on your “gates” - the same idea

Rea **Ideas and Questions:**

1. Gates and doorframes speaks to our needs to be continually reminded
2. What happens if parents don’t pass along the torch of devotion to God/ and His words?
3. The Bible has generational implications - if we obey - if the kids don’t know the Word of God, how can they obey?
4. Two items:
 First, love the Lord so much that He is everything
 Second, love His commands and obey them - fanatically
5. Obviously loving God and being devoted to His word go together - there is a new animal in the forest of 2020 - to be able to love God, yet not know His words, and certainly not to obey them
6. Those who “obey” are often seen nowadays as “literalists” or “fanatics”
 -discuss
 -a person who wears a “Jesus” t-shirt is a fanatic, but a person who wears a “beer” shirt is not

IV. The Possession - Dt. 6:10-13

- Rea 1. When God brings you in (verse 10) - don’t forget Him (verse 12)

- Rea 2. He swore this land to your fathers (Abraham, Isaac and Jacob)
 -the promises of God are multi-generational
3. The land will have many benefits:
 -wells you did not dig
 -vineyards you did not plant
 -houses you did not build
- Rea Their “inheritance” was not just the land - God gave them a “leg up”
4. Don’t forget
 -you used to be slaves in Egypt
 -serve Him only
 -take oaths in His name
- Rea The temptations:
 -to forget their past life without freedom
 -to serve other gods as well as Him - so we do not serve Him “singularly”
 -to swear by these other gods (common everyday use of other gods)
- Rea **Ideas and Questions:**
 1. They will go in - whether or not they deserve it, they will be given the land
 2. These are admonitions “as they enter” the land - for the future life
 3. How easy is it to forget?
 -we often forget the debt we owe to our forefathers, to our servicemen and
 women, to our parents

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