



Week 7.5

Sermon Series: Lessons from the Sinless Savior

Sermon Title: TBA

Sermon Text: Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Group Week of: September 3, 2023

Sermon Date: September 10, 2023

Scriptures for Additional Daily Studies	
Day 1	The 10 Commandments – Deut 5:1-32
Day 2	Greatest Commandments – Matt 22:34-40
Day 3	Law on the Heart – Jeremiah 31:31-34
Day 4	Words in Us – John 15:5-8
Day 5	Proper Worship – Romans 12:1-2

The Text

- 1) **Read** the text slowly and carefully.
- 2) **Pray** for understanding, insight, and transformation.
- 3) **Observe everything.** Use pens and highlighters to mark the text. Come up with your own system of symbols, underlines, arrows, highlights, and notes that will *help you understand and apply*. Only do what is helpful.
- 4) **Answer** the interpretive questions at the bottom.

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

Textual Questions

- 1) What is the message God and Paul are speaking to the Corinthians (and to you) through this passage?
- 2) What commands are given in this passage?
- 3) How is obedience to God's law to be passed down to future generations?

Discussion Guide Questions

- 1) Consider the pantheons of the ancient Egyptians and the ancient Babylonians. How did these people conceive of their gods? Think of their power, their sovereignty, their morality, etc. What, if any, parallels do you see in the way people conceive of God today?

- 2) When God gave Israel His name, He wanted to make sure the people did not conceive of Him as they did the Egyptian or Babylonian pantheons. He wanted them to know that He was *one*. What is supposed to happen in the minds of the Israelites when they start to conceive of God as distinct from the Egyptian and Babylonian religious systems? What, if any, parallels should we have in our own minds today?

- 3) We are commanded to love God in verse 5. Many people think that God commanding love this way is oppressive, or even abusive. This comes from a lack of understanding about who God is and why He is worthy of total love. In your own words, try to explain why God commanding love is not oppressive, but life giving.

- 4) What does it mean to have the commands of God written upon your heart? How do you know if God's law is written on your heart? How do you know if it is not?

- 5) He tells the people to have the Word bound to their hands, heads, doorframes, and gates. What does this mean?

- 6) The Pharisees ended up having the practice of phylacteries in order to fulfill this command, yet the Word never permeated down to their hearts. How do we get the words and commands of God off the pages of Scripture and into our hearts?

- 7) Not only are we to have the commands of God written on our hearts, we are also called to do our part in passing those words down to the next generation. What model of discipleship is pictured here in Deuteronomy 6, and what would that look like today?

- 8) Do you love God with all your heart, soul, and strength? Where is your love for God divided or held back? What can you do today to surrender those things back to God and give Him the unbridled devotion He deserves?