

Deuteronomy 6:1-25 **Importance of teaching God's Laws**

Teach God's Commandments Through All Future Generations

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, 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. 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.'

The Jews famous Sh'ma

⁴ "Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one!

First and Greatest Commandment

⁵ You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.

Teach, Bind, Write

⁶ "And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. ⁷ 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. ⁸ You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. ⁹ You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

When All is Well, Beware Lest You Forget

¹⁰ "So it shall be, when the LORD your God brings you into the land of which He swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give you large and beautiful cities which you did not build, ¹¹ houses full of all good things, which you did not fill, hewn-out wells which you did not dig, vineyards and olive trees which you did not plant--when you have eaten and are full-- ¹² then beware, lest you forget the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage.

Fear Yehowah Only

¹³ You shall fear the LORD your God and serve Him, and shall take oaths in His name. ¹⁴ You shall not go after other gods, the gods of the peoples who are all around you ¹⁵ (for the LORD your God is a jealous God among you), lest the anger of the LORD your God be aroused against you and destroy you from the face of the earth.

Do Not Tempt Yehowah

¹⁶ "You shall not tempt the LORD your God as you tempted Him in Massah.

Be Careful to Obey Him, That Yehowah may Bless You in All Things

¹⁷ You shall diligently keep the commandments of the LORD your God, His testimonies, and His statutes which He has commanded you. ¹⁸ And you shall do what is right and good in the sight of the LORD, that it may be well with you, and that you may go in and possess the good land of which the LORD swore to your fathers, ¹⁹ to cast out all your enemies from before you, as the LORD has spoken.

When Future Generations ask, Teach Obedience

20 "When your son asks you in time to come, saying, 'What is the meaning of the testimonies, the statutes, and the judgments which the LORD our God has commanded you?' 21 "then you shall say to your son: 'We were slaves of Pharaoh in Egypt, and the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand; 22 and the LORD showed signs and wonders before our eyes, great and severe, against Egypt, Pharaoh, and all his household. 23 Then He brought us out from there, that He might bring us in, to give us the land of which He swore to our fathers. 24 And the LORD commanded us to observe all these statutes, to fear the LORD our God, for our good always, that He might preserve us alive, as it is this day.

Obedience is righteousness

25 Then it will be righteousness for us, if we are careful to observe all these commandments before the LORD our God, as He has commanded us.' NKJV

Facts Revealed:

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- ✧ Yehowah Eloheyk (the Lord your God) commanded that these laws be taught to you and to your future Generations. [Leviticus 10:8-11, Deuteronomy 4:9-14, 6:1-3, 6-9, 12, 11:18-21]
 - ✧ That they will be observed in the Promised Land you are crossing over to possess.
 - ✧ That you will fear Yehowah Eloheyk to keep all His statutes and His commandments.
 - ✧ This applies to you and your descendants through all generations, all the days of your lives.
 - ✧ That your days may be prolonged.
- ✧ Therefore, Hear O Israel, and be careful to observe it.
 - ✧ That it may be well with you, and that you may multiply greatly as Yehowah Elohey (Lord God of) your fathers has promised you – a land flowing with milk and honey. [Leviticus 18:5, Deuteronomy 4:1, 40, 5:33, 6:3, 18, 24, 8:1-3, 11:18-21, 12:28, 16:20, 30:15-16, 19-20, 32:45-47, Nehemiah 9:29, Ezekiel 20:11, 13, 21, Matthew 19:16-17, Luke 10:25-28, Galatians 3:12]

The Jews famous Sh'ma

- ✧ Sh'ma Yisrael: Yehowah Eloheynov Yehowah Echad [Deuteronomy 6:4]
(Hear O Israel: The Lord Our God The Lord is One)
 - ✧ This verse is the famous Jewish Sh'ma, which is recited morning and evening in the Jewish homes and at every crisis they face. It is called the Sh'ma because it begins with the Hebrew word Sh'ma which means, "Hear" or "Listen."
 - ✧ It acknowledges that there is no god but the God of Israel alone, Whose Name is Yehowah.
 - ✧ By the three references to God it reflects that the God of Israel is Echad (a component unity) made up of more than one parts, a unity which gives credence to the concept of the Trinity, where God is viewed as a unity of Father, Word, and Spirit.
 - ✧ This is a confession of faith in the one God known as Yehowah or Yahweh.

First and Greatest Commandment

- ✧ **You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.** [Deuteronomy 6:5]
 - ✧ This is the commandment Jesus quoted when asked which is the first and greatest commandment of the Law. [Matthew 22:35-40, Mark 12:28-34]

- ✧ It is interesting that Jesus did not quote from the book of Exodus when God gave the original commandments at Mount Horeb (Sinai), but He generally quoted from the book of Deuteronomy where Moses was explaining the Law.

Teach, Bind, Write

- ✧ These words I command you today shall be **in your heart**. [Deuteronomy 6:6-9]
- ✧ Teach them diligently to your children. [Exodus 24:12, Leviticus 10:11, Deuteronomy 4:9-14, 6:6-9, 11:18-21]
 - ✧ Talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.
 - ✧ Bind them as a sign on your hand.
 - ✧ They shall be as frontlets between your eyes.
 - ✧ Write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

When All is Well, Beware Lest You Forget

When the Lord your God brings you into the land He swore to give to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to large and beautiful cities you did not build, houses full of good things you did not fill, wells you did not dig, vineyards and olive trees you did not plant, ↔ When you have eaten and are full: [Deuteronomy 6:10-11]

- ✧ Beware; that you do not forget the Lord Who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. [Deuteronomy 4:9, 23, 6:12]

Fear Yehowah Only

- ✧ You shall fear and serve the Lord your God. [Deuteronomy 6:13-15]
- ✧ You shall take oaths in His Name. [Deuteronomy 6:13]
 - ✧ God wants us to use His name to confirm truth.
 - ✧ But He demands us not to tie His name to a lie, by swearing falsely in His Name, which He views as taking His Name in vain. [Exodus 20:7, Deuteronomy 5:11]
- ✧ You shall not go after other gods like the gods of the people who are around you, because the Lord your God is a jealous God among you. [Exodus 20:3, 23:13, 34:10-17, Deuteronomy 4:34-40, 5:6, 6:14-15]
 - ✧ Lest the anger of the Lord your God be aroused against you and you are destroyed from the face of the earth.

Do Not Tempt Yehowah

- ✧ You shall not tempt the Lord your God, as you tempted Him in Massah. [Deuteronomy 6:16]
 - ✧ This is another quote that Jesus used in answering the temptations of Satan. [Matthew 4:7, Luke 4:12]

Be Careful to Obey Him, That Yehowah may Bless You in All Things

- ✧ You shall diligently keep the commandments of the Lord your God, His testimonies, and statutes He has commanded you. [Deuteronomy 4:9, 6:17, Exodus 15:26]
- ✧ You shall do what is right and good in the sight of the Lord. [Exodus 15:26, Deuteronomy 6:18-19, 12:28]
 - ✧ That it may be well with you.
 - ✧ That you may go in and possess the land the Lord swore to your fathers.
 - ✧ That you may cast out all your enemies from before you as the Lord has said.

When Future Generations ask, Teach Obedience [Deuteronomy 6:20-25]

- ☆ When your son asks you in time to come, “What is the meaning of the testimonies, statutes, and judgments the Lord our God has commanded you?” You shall say to your son:
 - ◇ “We were slaves of Pharaoh in Egypt, and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand. The Lord showed signs and wonders before our eyes, great and severe signs against Egypt, Pharaoh, and all his household.
 - ◇ The Lord brought us out of there **that** He might bring us in to give us the land He swore to our fathers.
 - ◇ The Lord commanded us to obey all these statutes, to fear the Lord our God always **for** our own good, **that** He might preserve us alive as it is this day.

Obedience is righteousness

- ☆ It will be righteousness for us, if we are careful to obey all these commands before the Lord our God, as He has commanded us.” [\[Deuteronomy 6:25\]](#)
 - ◇ God chose Abraham because God knew that Abraham would teach his children to obey the commandments of God and do righteousness [\[Genesis 18:17-19\]](#)
 - ◇ No other nation has laws so righteous from God as has Israel. [\[Deuteronomy 4:7-8\]](#)