

"On the Way" 365 Bible Reading Plan

DEUTERONOMY 6

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Deuteronomy chapter six most likely has the most quoted verses in all of history. Jews worldwide, as well as others quote this verse upon rising each morning, throughout the day and in the evenings. Deuteronomy 6:4, **"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, The LORD is one!"** is on the lips of every Jewish person. The verses following in verse five are continually quoted among Jews and followers of Jesus, both Jew and Gentile, Deuteronomy 6:5, **"You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength."** The Lord Jesus quoted this verse and a passage out of the book of Leviticus in answer to a lawyer who was trying to trip Jesus publicly with His words. **"Then one of them, a lawyer, asked Him a question, testing Him and saying, "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the law?" Jesus said to him, "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and the great commandment. And the second is like it; You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."** (Matthew 22:35-40) Loving God and loving others who are

made in the image of God is the summary of all the commandments.

There are more than ten commandments in the Torah. There are 613 total laws in the Torah. 365 are prohibitions and would be considered negative, or things not to do. The remaining 248 commandments are things God says, we should do. The instructions in chapter 6 are strengthened by the admonition to teach these great truths to the next generation. That primary responsibility rests on the parents! Parents are responsible to pass the faith teachings of Scripture on to their children. In this present generation, this godly assignment is many times passed on by someone else. Others may help. No one can teach children like their own parents.

Prayer and Action Steps

No one can keep the law for salvation. That was never the intent of giving the law. Jesus is the only one who kept the law. His righteousness is gifted to us by faith.

Date _____ Scripture _____

- Read the chapter. If you have time, read it again.
- Highlight, underline or circle the Key Verse or Verses of the chapter.
- Ask yourself these questions as you read through the chapter.

Is this historical narrative, analogy, metaphor, allegory, or some other element of speech or communicating truth?

What is the Context? Old Testament? New Testament? What is the writer speaking or writing about? To whom is he writing?

Is this a clear passage of Scripture (can only be interpreted one way)? Or could the passage be interpreted legitimately, in two or more ways, according to grammar and context?

Does the passage teach a Biblical Precept; that is, tells you something to be, do or act? _____

Are there principles in this chapter that if followed, would require me to change my attitudes or actions? _____

Does the passage give a Biblical Pattern that is followed here and other places in the Bible? _____

