



**Class 7 -10/10/18**

## **Deuteronomy and The Shema**

### **For Homework:**

We ask you to watch the rest of The Shema series. (Love, Hearth, Soul, and Strength)

You can spread these short videos out over the week, or watch them all at once.

<https://thebibleproject.com/explore/shema-listen/>

### **Reading:**

**Day 1** - Read Psalm 73, Deuteronomy 1-6,

Watch the Shema series: Love video

<https://thebibleproject.com/videos/ahavah-love/>

**Day 2** - Psalm 86, Deut. 7-11

Watch the Shema Series: Heart video

<https://thebibleproject.com/videos/lev-heart/>

**Day 3** Psalm 92, 94, Deut. 18:15-22, 26:16-19,

Watch the Shema Series: Soul Video:

<https://thebibleproject.com/videos/nephesh-soul/>

Do you remember the Ten Commandments?

**Day 4** Psalm 97, Deut. 26-31

**Day 5** Psalm 101, Deut. 32-34

Watch the Shema Series: Strength video

<https://thebibleproject.com/videos/meod-strength/>

## Reflection:

1) The Read Scripture Deuteronomy video offered us an extra credit assignment 5 minutes into the video. It said us :

### “Tips for reading these laws:”

- The laws are the terms of the Sinai/ Mosaic Covenant given to Ancient Israel
- Don't compare them with modern laws, but with the laws of Israel's neighbors. (They are being set apart and held to a higher standard.)
- Try to discern what core principles (i.e. wisdom or justice) underlying each law.

Then it pointed us to Paul's letter in 1 Corinthians 9:9 and asked us to compare it to Deut. 25:4.

“For it is written in the Law of Moses, “You shall not muzzle an ox when it treads out the grain.” Is it for oxen that God is concerned?” 1 Cor. 9:9

“You shall not muzzle an ox when it is treading out the grain.” Deut. 25:4

Can you find the underlying principle? Ask God to show you The Big Picture. Read the surrounding verses to gain context, and **read your footnotes** to see if they help!

2) Memorize The Shema: Deut. 6:4-5

Hear, O ( \_\_\_\_\_ (put your name in here)! The LORD is my God, the LORD is one! You (I) shall love the LORD your (my) God with all your(my) heart and with all your (my) soul and with all your (my) strength.

Write it out here...and pray it twice a day for a week! Consider journaling your thoughts and emotions after a week of doing this. If you don't like journaling - at least think about the difference that occurs in your heart after a week of praying God's word twice a day.

3) Read Deuteronomy 5:15. Notice that part of the fourth commandment is simply to remember what God has done. Does breaking this commandment cause us to break the others as well? Why or why not?

4) Read [Deuteronomy 28:1-8](#). What does God promise us if we "fully obey" Him? (He promises us blessings. If you read [Deuteronomy 28:1-45](#) you will get the full flavor of this. If you disobey God, your life will be pretty terrible and frustrating.)

5) Consider in your life where you've had to choose between Life and Death. Not physical life - but morally, spiritually, ethically and emotionally. We often quote Proverbs 3:5-6 - but now apply it to the ragged path of the Israelites. Making your path clear is a blessing that comes from trusting God. Where in your life could you have chosen life over death, blessing over death? Thank God for His ever present redemption, and then pray for His wisdom to help choose wisely in the future.

### **Extra Credit:**

Watch Genesis 1-11 from the Torah Series

<https://thebibleproject.com/videos/torah-genesis-1/>

These are the links to the colorful Shema posters I used in my slideshow:

<https://thebibleproject.com/other-resources/posters/shema/>

Read the blog post:

3 Easy Ways to Engage the Bible

<https://thebibleproject.com/blog/3-easy-ways-engage-bible-help/>

Deuteronomy asks us to Choose Wisely. I liked this reminder!



Attitude is a choice.  
Happiness is a choice.  
Optimism is a choice.  
Kindness is a choice.  
Giving is a choice.  
Respect is a choice.  
Whatever choice  
you make makes you.  
Choose wisely.

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