

The Truth About Love

Read: Deuteronomy 6:4-15

Main Idea: True love for God is demonstrated through consistent obedience and intentional teaching, ensuring that His commandments are a living part of our everyday life and relationships.

Key Verses: “Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.” **(6:4-5 ESV)**

Key Principles:

- We should honor God by recognizing His holiness and majesty and responding with awe and obedience to His commands.
- Loving God completely means offering total devotion to the one true God because of His unique nature, redemptive acts, and faithful promises.
- When God is first in your life, you will share your faith within your family and community, making God’s Word central to all of life.
- We must guard against forgetting God’s past deliverances and provision, especially in times of prosperity.
- True loyalty is lived out through obedience and gratitude when we reject all rival "gods" in response to God’s grace.
- In Christ, God writes His law on our hearts through the Holy Spirit, enabling us to love and obey Him as a response to His grace.

Discussion:

1. How does encountering God’s holiness deepen our love for Him? Share a time when awe of God influenced your actions.
2. What does it mean to love God with all your heart, soul, and might in our daily lives? Discuss practical ways to live this out amidst modern distractions.
3. How can we share our faith with the next generation—whether our own kids or others in our church or community? What challenges do we face?
4. Why is it tempting to forget God when life is prosperous (Deut 6:10–12)? What habits can help us stay mindful of His goodness, past and present?
5. What are some "gods") that compete for our loyalty today? How can we resist them and serve God alone?

Prayer:

- Praise God for His holiness and love, asking for hearts that honor Him with reverence.
- Pray:
 - For strength to love God with all your heart, soul, and might, in every area of life.
 - For opportunities to share your faith boldly, especially with younger generations.
 - For grace to serve God alone, rejecting distractions and idols, and living in gratitude for His redemption.

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| I. | <u>Cherish</u> the Lord <u>completely</u>. | 6:4-6 |
| 1. | <u>Pursue</u> total <u>devotion</u> to God. | 6:4-5 |
| 2. | <u>Produce</u> total <u>obedience</u> to God. | 6:6 |
| II. | <u>Cultivate</u> love through <u>teaching</u>. | 6:7-9 |
| 1. | Speak love <u>consistently</u> . | 6:7 |
| 2. | Speak love <u>faithfully</u> . | 6:8-9 |
| III. | <u>Caution</u> against <u>complacency</u>. | 6:10-12 |
| 1. | Be <u>grateful</u> for God's <u>providence</u> . | 6:10-11 |
| 2. | Be <u>mindful</u> of God's <u>deliverance</u> . | 6:12 |
| IV. | <u>Commit</u> to God <u>solely</u>. | 6:13-15 |
| 1. | <u>Remember</u> your <u>redeemer</u> . | 6:13 |
| 2. | <u>Resist</u> cheap <u>replicas</u> . | 6:14-15 |

NEXT WEEK:
Trusting in God's Promises
Deuteronomy 7:1-11