# Sermon Notes | Choose To Love God - Deuteronomy 6

# I. Wholly Love God (v.1-9)

"Now this is <u>the</u> commandment—the statutes and the rules—that the Lord your God commanded me <u>to teach you</u>, <u>that</u> you may <u>do them</u> in the land to which you are going over, to possess it, <u>that</u> you may <u>fear the Lord your God</u>, you and your son and your son, ... <u>that</u> it may <u>go well with you</u>, ...

<sup>24</sup> And the Lord commanded us <u>to do all these</u>statutes, to fear the Lord our God, <u>for</u> <u>our good</u> always, that he might preserve us alive, as we are this day.

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<sup>4</sup>"Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. <sup>5</sup> You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

**Heart:** Levav- center of thought and feeling.

Soul: Nefesh- Our breath of life.

Might- Me'od- "very, very"

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# A. Teach and Model! (v.6-7)

<sup>6</sup> And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart.<sup>7</sup> You shall <u>teach</u> them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you <u>sit</u> in your house, and when you <u>walk</u> by the way, and when you <u>lie</u>down, and when you <u>rise</u>.

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#### B. Set Reminders (v.8-9)

<sup>8</sup> You shall <u>bind them as a sign</u> on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. <sup>9</sup> You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

#### II. Hindrances to Love (10-19)

# A. Good things will Contend with Love (v.10-15)

<sup>10</sup> "And when the Lord your God brings you into the land ...—with great and good cities ... houses full of all good things ... cisterns ... vineyards and olive trees ...—and when you eat and are full, <sup>12</sup> then <u>take care lest you forget</u> the Lord, who brought you ... out of the house of slavery.

### B. Not Trusting God will Affect your Love (v16-19)

<sup>16</sup> "You shall not put the Lord your God to the test, as you **tested him at Massah**...

# III. Love God in Response to His Gospel (v20-25)

<sup>20</sup> "When your son asks you in time to come, 'What is the meaning ... 'We were Pharaoh's slaves in Egypt. And the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand. <sup>22</sup> And the Lord showed signs and wonders, great and grievous, against Egypt and against Pharaoh and all his household, before our eyes. <sup>23</sup> And <u>he brought us out</u>from there, that he might <u>bring us in</u> and give us the land that he swore to give to our fathers...

# Big Idea: Choose to love God.

#### Romans 8:38-39

<sup>38</sup> For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup> nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

#### Revelation 21:1-3

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup> And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup> And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is <u>with</u> man. He will dwell <u>with</u>them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God.

#### Reflection (60 sec each)

- 1. Where in this past week have you been aware that God is "with" you?
- 2. Thank Jesus in your own words for how deeply He loves you.

# Discussion Guide | Choose To Love God Deuteronomy 6

# 1. What spiritual background were you brought up in?

## Read Deuteronomy 6:4-6

- What does it mean to love God with your whole being?
- Where is your heart towards God in this season?

## Read Deuteronomy 6:7-9

- What is your rule of life or habits that keep your heart warm toward God?
- How are you teaching the Gospel diligently to the next generation?

## Read Deuteronomy 6:10-19

What hindrances have you seen in your love towards God?

## Read Deuteronomy 6:20-25

- How does the Gospel affect your love for God?
- What are a few things you could do to grow in love for God this week?