

Love the Lord Your God

Deut 6:1-9



Luke 11: **42**“Woe to you Pharisees, because you give God a tenth of your mint, rue and all other kinds of garden herbs, but you neglect justice and the Love of God. You should have practiced the latter without leaving the former undone.

Matt 23: **23**“Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You give a tenth of your spices—mint, dill and cumin. But you have neglected the more important matters of the law—justice, mercy and faithfulness. You should have practiced the latter, without neglecting the former.

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2) Deut 10: 12 And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God ask of you but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in obedience to him, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul,

3) Deut 11: 1 Love the LORD your God and keep his requirements, his decrees, his laws and his commands always.

4) Deut 11:13 So if you faithfully obey the commands I am giving you today—to love the LORD your God and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul

5) Deut 11:22 If you carefully observe all these commands I am giving you to follow—to love the LORD your God, to walk in obedience to him and to hold fast to him—

6) Deut 13:3 The LORD your God is testing you to find out whether you love him with all your heart and with all your soul.

7) Deut 19:9 because you carefully follow all these laws I command you today—to love the Lord your God and to walk always in obedience to him

8) Deut 30:6 The Lord your God will circumcise your hearts and the hearts of your descendants, so that you may love him with all your heart and with all your soul, and live.

9) Deut 30:16 For I command you today to love the Lord your God, to walk in obedience to him, and to keep his commands, decrees and laws; then you will live and increase,

10) Deut 30:19 I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live ²⁰and that you may love the Lord your God

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Exo 24: **15**When Moses went up on the mountain, the cloud covered it, **16**and the glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai. For six days the cloud covered the mountain, and on the seventh day the Lord called to Moses from within the cloud. **17**To the Israelites the glory of the Lord looked like a consuming fire on top of the mountain. **18**Then Moses entered the cloud as he went on up the mountain. And he stayed on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

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The Tent of Meeting

Exo 33: **7** Now Moses used to take a tent and pitch it outside the camp some distance away, calling it the “tent of meeting.” Anyone inquiring of the Lord would go to the tent of meeting outside the camp. **8** And whenever Moses went out to the tent, all the people rose and stood at the entrances to their tents, watching Moses until he entered the tent. **9** As Moses went into the tent, the pillar of cloud would come down and stay at the entrance, while **the Lord spoke with Moses.** **10** Whenever the people saw the pillar of cloud standing at the entrance to the tent, they all stood and worshiped, each at the entrance to their tent. **11 The Lord would speak to Moses face to face, as one speaks to a friend.** Then Moses would return to the camp, but his young aide Joshua son of Nun did not leave the tent.

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Exodus 34: **28** Moses was there with the Lord forty days and forty nights without eating bread or drinking water. And he wrote on the tablets the words of the covenant—the Ten Commandments. **29** When Moses came down from Mount Sinai with the two tablets of the covenant law in his hands, he was not aware that his face was radiant because he had spoken with the Lord. **30** When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, his face was radiant, and they were afraid to come near him.

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The Death of Moses

1Then Moses climbed Mount Nebo from the plains of Moab to the top of Pisgah, across from Jericho. There the Lord showed him the whole land—from Gilead to Dan, **2**all of Naphtali, the territory of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Mediterranean Sea, **3**the Negev and the whole region from the Valley of Jericho, the City of Palms, as far as Zoar. **4**Then the Lord said to him, “This is the land I promised on oath to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob when I said, ‘I will give it to your descendants.’ I have let you see it with your eyes, but you will not cross over into it.”

5And **Moses the servant of the Lord died there** in Moab, as the Lord had said. **6****He buried him** in Moab, in the valley opposite Beth Peor, ***but to this day no one knows where his grave is.*** **7**Moses was a hundred and twenty years old when he died, yet his eyes were not weak nor his strength gone. **8**The Israelites grieved for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days, until the time of weeping and mourning was over.

9Now Joshua son of Nun was filled with the spirit of wisdom because Moses had laid his hands on him. So the Israelites listened to him and did what the Lord had commanded Moses.

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Deut 32: **9**“I have seen these people,” the Lord said to Moses, “and they are a stiff-necked people. **10**Now leave me alone so that my **anger may burn** against them and that I may destroy them. Then I will make you into a great nation.”

Deut 32: **19**When Moses approached the camp and saw the calf and the dancing, his **anger burned** and he threw the tablets out of his hands, breaking them to pieces at the foot of the mountain. **20**And he took the calf the people had made and burned it in the fire; then he ground it to powder, scattered it on the water and made the Israelites drink it.

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2 Cor 3: **17** Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. **18** And we all, who with unveiled faces reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

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