

# Time to Quiz

Are you ready?



1. What is the greatest and most important commandment in all of God's word?
2. What is the greatest and most important coordinate in life?



## **THE GREATEST, MOST IMPORTANT COMMANDMENT ...**

- LOVE YAHWEH YOUR GOD WITH **ALL** YOUR HEART AND WITH **ALL** YOUR SOUL AND WITH **ALL** YOUR MIGHT.
- THE GREAT COMMANDMENT IS OUR MOST IMPORTANT COORDINATE FOR LIFE.

### **1. INTRODUCTION FOR THE COMMANDMENT:** This is the commandment that we must listen to and carefully obey that it may be well with us, 6:1-3.

- (Deuteronomy 6:1–3 LSB) Now **this is the commandment**, the statutes and the judgments, **which Yahweh your God has commanded me to teach you, that you might do it in the land where you are going over to possess it**, 2 **so that** you and your son and your grandson might fear Yahweh your God, to keep all His statutes and His commandments which I am commanding you, all the days of your life, **and that** your days may be prolonged. 3 O Israel, you shall listen and be careful to do it, **that it may be well with you** and that you may multiply greatly, just as Yahweh, the God of your fathers, has promised you, in a land flowing with milk and honey.

- A. The Deuteronomy 6:1 statement—now this is the commandment—points to and introduces the great command which follows in 6:4-5.
- B. This is the commandment that Yahweh commanded Moses to teach them.
- C. This is one commandment — “*the statutes and the judgments*” are given for additional detail.
- D. This is the commandment Jesus quoted to the scribes when answering—“which commandment is the most important of all.”

- (Mark 12:28–30 ESV) And one of the scribes came up and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, asked him, “**Which commandment is the most important of all?**” 29 Jesus answered, “**The most important is, ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.**” 30 **And you shall love the Lord**

your God with all your **heart** and with all your **soul** and with all your **mind** and with all your **strength**.”

- E. They were to listen and be careful to do this commandment.

Deuteronomy 6:1 ... “that you might **do it**” ... [*aw-saw*] to observe; to conform one’s action or practice to; to do, fashion, accomplish; to attend to, put in order; to appoint, ordain, institute; to bring about.

- F. It is well with us when we do this command because when we love God in this way our minds and hearts remain firmly set on God alone for the entire course of our lives while on earth.

### **2. OUR MOST IMPORTANT COORDINATE FOR LIFE:** Loving Yahweh our God with all our heart and with all our soul and with all our might is essential to maintaining our right fellowship with God, 6:4-9.

- (Deuteronomy 6:4–9 LSB) **Hear, O Israel! Yahweh is our God, Yahweh is one!** 5 **You shall love Yahweh your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.** 6 **These words**, which I am commanding you today, **shall be on your heart**. 7 You shall **teach them diligently** to your sons and shall speak of them when you **sit** in your house and when you **walk** by the way and when you **lie down** and when you **rise up**. 8 You shall bind them **as a sign on your hand**, and they shall be as phylacteries **between your eyes**. 9 You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

***A coordinate is*** one of a pair of numbers and/or letters that can show the exact position of a point on a map or graph. In our study we will use the term to help us understand how we can find and maintain our exact position in life before Yahweh our God.

- A. Four words in the Hebrew—"Yahweh our-God Yahweh one"—give us our one and only coordinate for life.
- B. We are commanded to love "Yahweh our-God Yahweh one" with all our heart and with all our soul and with all our might.
- C. Our love for "Yahweh our-God Yahweh one" is to absolutely dominate and fill our lives.
- D. "Yahweh our-God Yahweh one" is our "no other" coordinate for life by which we maintain our position and navigate life.
- (Deuteronomy 4:35 LSB) To you it was shown **that you might know that Yahweh, He is God; there is no other besides Him.**
  - (Deuteronomy 4:39 LSB) Know therefore today, and take it to your heart, that Yahweh, **He is God** in heaven above and on the earth below; **there is no other.**
  - (Isaiah 45:5–6 LSB) I am Yahweh, and **there is no other; Besides Me there is no God.** I will gird you, though you have not known Me, 6 That they may know from the rising to the setting of the sun That **there is no one besides Me.** I am Yahweh, and **there is no other.**
  - (Isaiah 45:21–22 LSB) Declare and draw near with your case; Indeed, let them consult together. Who has made this heard from of old? Who has long since declared it? Is it not I, Yahweh? And **there is no other God besides Me,** A righteous God and a Savior; **There is none except Me.** 22 Turn to Me and be saved, all the ends of the earth; **For I am God, and there is no other.**
  - (Isaiah 46:9 LSB) Remember the former things long past, **For I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is no one like Me.**
- E. Loving Yahweh as commanded strengthens and clarifies the truth in our hearts and minds that God is God and there is no other.
- F. These words are so essential to the direction of our lives that they must be on our heart.
- G. This approach to life is so vital that we must teach, speak and spread these words throughout every part of our lives.
- H. All the other coordinates—biblical instructions—for living rightly before Yahweh our God depend on maintaining this coordinate.
- (Matthew 22:40 NLT) **The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments.**



- I. We are able to love God in this way because he gives us a new heart and puts a new spirit within.
- (Ezekiel 36:26–27 LSB) Moreover, **I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you;** and **I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.** 27 **I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will be careful to do My judgments.**

**3. OBEYING THIS COMMANDMENT KEEPS US SAFELY ON COURSE:** Loving God as God keeps us from losing our way and forgetting who God is and so keeps us from going after other gods which are not gods, 6:10-14.

- (Deuteronomy 6:10–14 LSB) **Then it will be, when Yahweh your God brings you into the land which He swore to your fathers,** to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, **to give you, great and good cities which you did not build,** 11 and houses full of all good things **which you did not fill,** and hewn cisterns **which you did not dig,** vineyards and olive trees **which you did not plant,** and you will eat and **be satisfied,** 12 **then beware, lest you forget Yahweh** who brought you from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. 13 **Yahweh your God you shall fear; and Him you shall serve; and by His name you shall swear.** 14 **You shall not walk after other gods, any of the gods of the peoples who surround you.**
- A. Loving God with all our heart and with all our soul and with all our might keeps us from forgetting God when he blesses us.
- B. Loving God with all our heart and with all our soul and with all our might keeps us walking in reverence and service.
- C. Loving God with all our heart and with all our soul and with all our might we solemnly live before God as our witness—by his name we swear (6:13).  
**to swear ...** to promise solemnly, usually invoking a divine witness, regarding your future acts or behavior; often including penalties for failure within the contents of the oath.
- D. Loving God with all our heart and with all our soul and with all our might keeps us from going after the gods of the people in the community around us.
- E. Loving God with all our heart and with all our soul and with all our might keeps our hearts turned to God so we are not deceived and turn away from God.
- (Deuteronomy 11:13–16 LSB) **And it will**

be that, if you listen obediently to my commandments which I am commanding you today, **to love Yahweh your God and to serve Him with all your heart and all your soul**, 14 **that I, Yahweh, will give** the rain for your land in its season, the early and late rains, that you may gather in your grain and your new wine and your oil. 15 **And I will give** grass in your fields for your cattle, **and you will eat and be satisfied**. 16 **Beware lest your hearts be deceived, and you turn away and serve other gods and worship them**.

- (Deuteronomy 30:15–18 LSB) See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, and death and calamity; 16 **in that I am commanding you today to love Yahweh your God, to walk in His ways, and to keep His commandments** and His statutes and His judgments, that you may live and multiply, and that Yahweh your God may bless you in the land where you are entering to possess it. 17 **But if your heart turns away and you will not listen, but are drawn away and worship other gods and serve them**, 18 I declare to you today that you shall surely perish. You will not prolong your days in the land where you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess it.
- (Deuteronomy 8:11, 14 LSB) **Beware lest you forget Yahweh your God** by not keeping His commandments and His judgments and His statutes which I am commanding you today; ... 14 **and your heart becomes lifted up and you forget Yahweh your God** who brought you out from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.
- (Deuteronomy 8:19 LSB) Now it will be, **if you ever forget Yahweh your God and walk after other gods and serve them and worship them**, I testify against you today that you will surely perish.
- (Jeremiah 23:26–27 LSB) How long? Is there anything in the hearts of the prophets who prophesy a lie, **even these prophets of the deception of their own heart**, 27 **who intend to make My people forget My name by their dreams which they recount to one another, just as their fathers forgot My name because of Baal?**

**4. THE REWARD FOR SURVIVING THE COURSE: It is righteousness for us to love Yahweh our God with all our heart and with all our soul and with all our might, 6:24-25.**

- (Deuteronomy 6:24–25 LSB) So Yahweh commanded us to do all these statutes, to fear Yahweh our God **for our good** all our days and **for our survival**, as it is today. 25 **And it will be righteousness for us if we are careful to do all this commandment before Yahweh our God**, just as He commanded us.

A. Yahweh commanded this for our good and for our spiritual survival in a world hostile to his ways.

B. Through reverent obedience we survive and win.

C. Our reward for careful obedience is to daily experience in our lives the position of righteousness that we have been blessed with in Christ.

- (1 Corinthians 1:30 LSB) But by His doing you are in Christ Jesus, **who became to us wisdom from God, and righteousness** and sanctification, and redemption.
- (Romans 14:17 LSB) For the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, **but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit**.
- (2 Corinthians 9:10 ESV) He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing **and increase the harvest of your righteousness**.
- (Philippians 1:11 LSB) **Having been filled with the fruit of righteousness which comes through Jesus Christ**, to the glory and praise of God.
- (Hosea 10:12 LSB) **Sow with a view to righteousness**, Reap in accordance with lovingkindness; Break up your fallow ground, Indeed, **it is time to seek Yahweh until He comes and rains righteousness on you**.
- (Zephaniah 2:3a LSB) Seek Yahweh, All you humble of the earth Who have worked His justice; **Seek righteousness, seek humility**.