

Deuteronomy 6:4-25

“Sunrise at the Wall”, Udi Merioz



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Quick review:

- 2nd sermon

Moses's Second Sermon (4:44–29:1)	4:44–49	Introduction	5:1 “Hear, O Israel!” 6:4 “Hear, O Israel!” 9:1 “Hear, O Israel!”
	5–11	Covenant Obligations: General Exhortation	
	12–26	Covenant Obligations: Specific Laws	
	27:1–29:1	Covenant Blessings and Curses	



Quick review:

- Discussing the covenant relationship between YHWH and His people
 - God **established** and **saved** them from slavery
 - “Treasured possession” and “Kingdom of priests”
- God is the suzerain Lord
 - He defines ALL terms of the covenant
 - Israel only role is to respond
 - Last week - Chapter 5 – “Hear, O Israel...”
 - Tells the story of the giving of 10 commandments at Horeb/Sinai
 - and the people’s response
 - Aim- to exhort the conquest generation to respond to God’s loving salvation with **reverence, awe, fear and obedience**

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- I. Respond to Covenant love- what we are asked to do: 6:4-9
- II. Two warnings: 6:10-19
 - 1. Forgetting God/idolatry
 - 2. Testing God
- III. The reason we do the things we do: 6:20-25
 - 1. God's salvation is the context for our obedience.
 - 2. God's salvation must be taught and shared with others

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What is the unifying theme of this passage?
What is Moses's aim in this section?

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I. The Call to Covenant LOVE: 6:4-9

- “One” –God is God alone, our unique God who is due our unqualified allegiance Q 1 in homework

(1) “Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one [*adjective*].”

(2) “Hear, O Israel: The LORD is our God, the LORD alone [*adverb*].”

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How the word 'love' is used in New Testament:

Examples: Mark 12:28-31, John 14, 1 Corinthians 9:20-21

For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. 1 John 5:3

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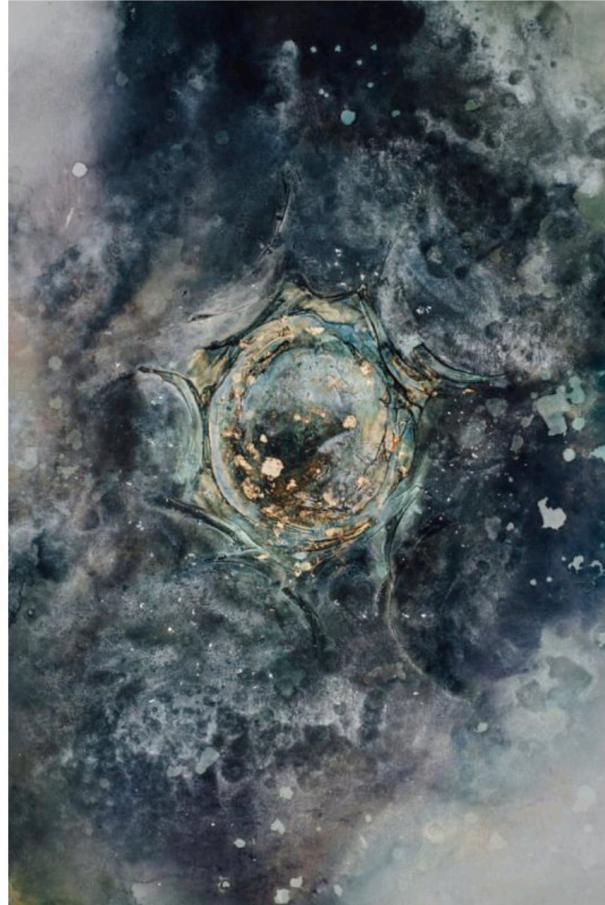
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- Love
- With all your Heart, soul, might

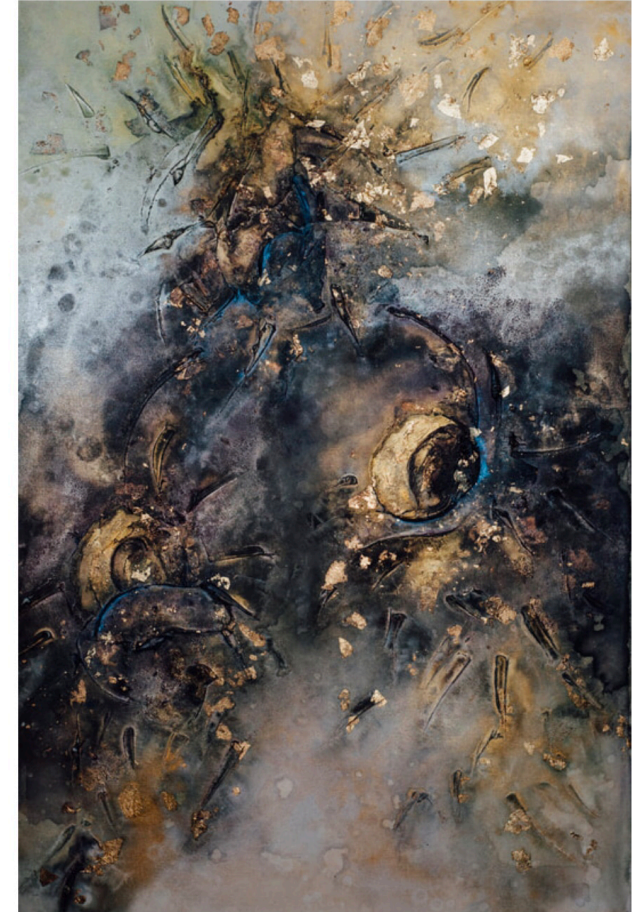
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LEV / HEART: seat of intellect and
emotional capacities // SOLD



NEPHESH / SOUL: literally means
"throat" and refers to the entire
human person



ME'OD / STRENGTH: all capacities
and resources

Why do you do the things you do?

- **The things I do**

- the commands of God

- **Do**

- Love God -action of the mind, will, emotion, strength
 - obedience is our response to God's grace

- You – *heart, soul, strength*

- Everything that I am as a follower of Christ

- **Why**

Why- what is the reason we do the things we do?

Deuteronomy 6:20-25:

“When your son asks you in time to come, ‘What is the meaning of the testimonies and the statutes and the rules that the Lord our God has commanded you?’

then you shall say to your son, ‘we were Pharaoh's slaves in Egypt. And the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand. And the Lord showed signs and wonders, great and grievous, against Egypt and against Pharaoh and all his household, before our eyes. And he brought us out from there, that he might bring us in and give us the land that he swore to give to our fathers.

And the Lord commanded us to do all these statutes, to fear the Lord our God, for our good always, that he might preserve us alive, as we are this day. And it will be righteousness for us, if we are careful to do all this commandment before the Lord our God, as he has commanded us.’”

Why, believer, do you do the things you do?

Because god has lavished on us the grace of our salvation from sin and death...

Because of our union with Christ that provides us with His perfect record...

Because in Christ Jesus, we have a sure hope of eternal life with Him...

Because we have the privilege, dignity, and honor of knowing God and His will...

... we gratefully respond by living in ways that please Him.

Dan Block paraphrase for new covenant believers:

“We were slaves to sin, but the Lord rescued us from the kingdom of darkness and ushered us into His glorious kingdom of light, with a strong hand and signs and wonders. He has brought us out in fulfillment of his promises and in accordance with his glorious plan of salvation, conceived before the foundation of the world. So the Lord commanded us to demonstrate our fear and love for him by keeping his commands for our good always and as an expression of our covenant relationship with him, as it is to this day. And it will be righteousness for us before him if we are careful to show that we love God with all our hearts by doing all he commanded us. Then we too will hear him say, ‘well done, good and faithful servant. Enter into the joy of your Lord.’”