

SHEMA: Listen and do
(Mezuzah)

Lev. 19:18

Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself

Mark 12:29-32

29 And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord:

30 And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment.

32 And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these.

Love for God and man: 2 greatest commandments

Matt 22:40 On these two hang all the law and the prophets!

What does the Shema mean?

To give our lives over to God
To serve Him and only Him
Do His will
Be willing to be taught of Him
To labor and toil only for His glory
To do this with every faculty and capacity of our being

Every day ask:

“Father, what would you have me to do today?”

Is 6:8 “Here am I, send me!”

- what do I value above all else?
- What is my motive? To serve you
- What is my only desire? To know you
- What is my purpose in life? To be the woman or man God made, to be your image, no matter what I’m doing

Total elimination of self apart from God

Why is it important to study and keep the commandment

Find the rule and the promise:

Deut. 11:8-9

Rule: keep the commandments

Promise: be strong, possess the land

Deut. 29:9

Rule: keep and do the words of the covenant

Promise: that ye may prosper

Ex. 15:26:

Rule: diligently hearken; do that which is right in God’s sight; give ear to his commandments and keep his statutes

Promise: I will put none of these diseases upon thee

What would happen if the 1st commandment were obeyed?

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My 5:12-15 the All-in-all of Christian Science

Matt 6:22,23 thy whole body shall be full of light

What happens if it is disobeyed?

James 1:8 instability, confusion, to and fro
Whole body full of darkness