

# Deuteronomy

## A Call to Covenant Renewal



The image features two large, weathered stone tablets standing side-by-side. They are inscribed with Hebrew text in a traditional font. The background is a dramatic sky with soft, golden clouds, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The text on the tablets is a direct translation of Deuteronomy 6:1-25, emphasizing the command to love the Lord alone.

# Love the LORD Alone

## Deuteronomy 6:1-25

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# Deuteronomy 6:1-3

Now this is the commandment—the statutes and the rules—that the LORD your God commanded me to teach you, that you may do them in the land to which you are going over, to possess it, that you may fear the LORD your God, you and your son and your son's son, by keeping all his statutes and his commandments, which I command you, all the days of your life, and that your days may be long.

Hear therefore, O Israel, and be careful to do them, that it may go well with you, and that you may multiply greatly, as the LORD, the God of your fathers, has promised you, in a land flowing with milk and honey.

# Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.  
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# Deuteronomy 6:10-15

And when the LORD your God brings you into the land that he swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give you—with great and good cities that you did not build, and houses full of all good things that you did not fill, and cisterns that you did not dig, and vineyards and olive trees that you did not plant—and when you eat and are full, then take care lest you forget the LORD, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. It is the LORD your God you shall fear.

Him you shall serve and by his name you shall swear. You shall not go after other gods, the gods of the peoples who are around you—for the LORD your God in your midst is a jealous God—lest the anger of the LORD your God be kindled against you, and he destroy you from off the face of the earth.

## Deuteronomy 6:16-19

You shall not put the LORD your God to the test, as you tested him at Massah. You shall diligently keep the commandments of the LORD your God, and his testimonies and his statutes, which he has commanded you. And you shall do what is right and good in the sight of the LORD, that it may go well with you, and that you may go in and take possession of the good land that the LORD swore to give to your fathers by thrusting out all your enemies from before you, as the LORD has promised.

# 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.”

# Main Idea

The great command of all Scripture  
is to love the LORD alone;  
and this will entail listening  
to Him alone, fearing Him alone,  
and teaching His Word alone.



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# There is only one God.

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# But make no room for competing loves.

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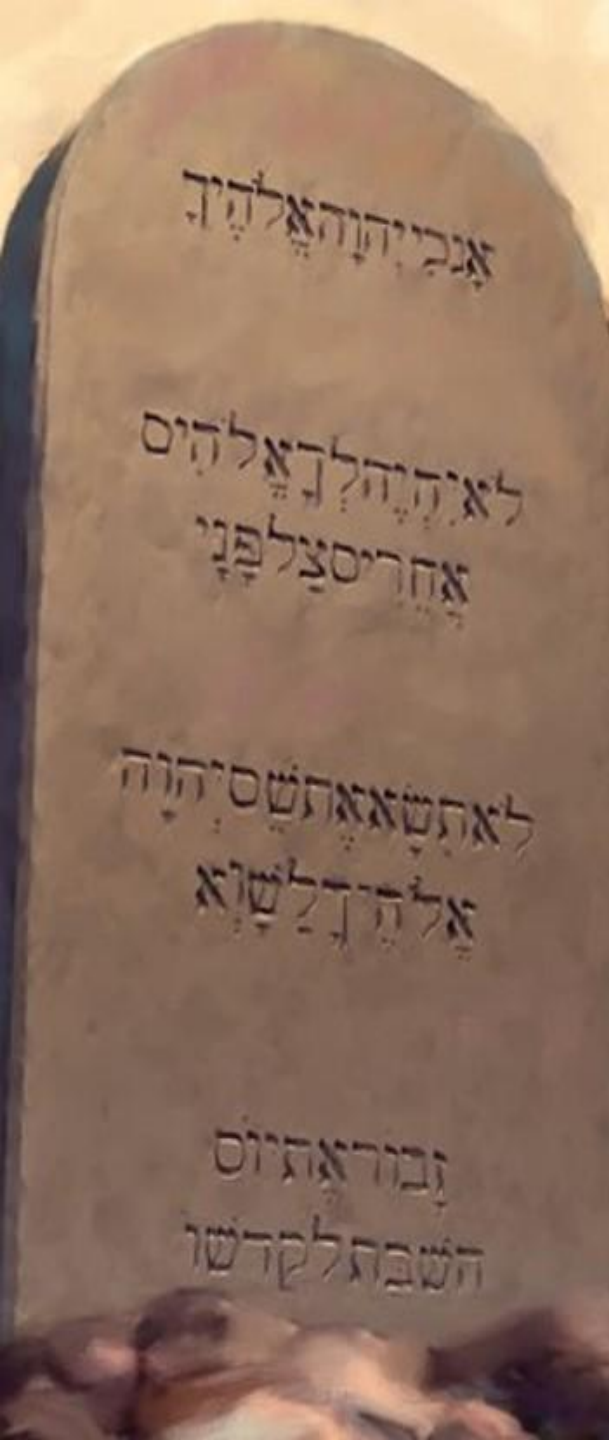
# What is true love?

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**Love the LORD Alone**  
**Love the LORD alone by**  
***listening* to Him alone.**

Listening to the Lord *alone*  
is a recognition that there is  
nothing whatsoever in this world  
that is not ***theological***.

**Listen to the LORD alone!**

Open your ears wide to hear His voice.

# Open your ears wide!

Now this is the commandment—  
the statutes and the rules—that the LORD your God  
commanded me **to teach you**... (v 1)

**Hear therefore**, O Israel,  
and be careful to do them... (v 3)

**Hear**, O Israel... (v 4)

### **Deuteronomy 4:1**

And now, O Israel, **listen** to the statutes and the rules that I am teaching you, and do them...

### **Deuteronomy 13:4**

You shall follow the LORD your God and fear Him;  
and you shall keep His commandments,  
**listen to His voice**, serve Him, and cling to Him.



Listening to the voice of the LORD  
is not a passive activity.

To listen means to follow  
and obey!

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# **Listen to the LORD alone!**

Open your ears wide to hear His voice.

**Close your ears tight to competing voices.**

You shall not go after other gods,  
the gods of the peoples who are around you... (v 14)

**You shall not listen to the voices  
of the culture around you!**

# Do not be a *pragmatic* listener!

## Deuteronomy 13:1-3

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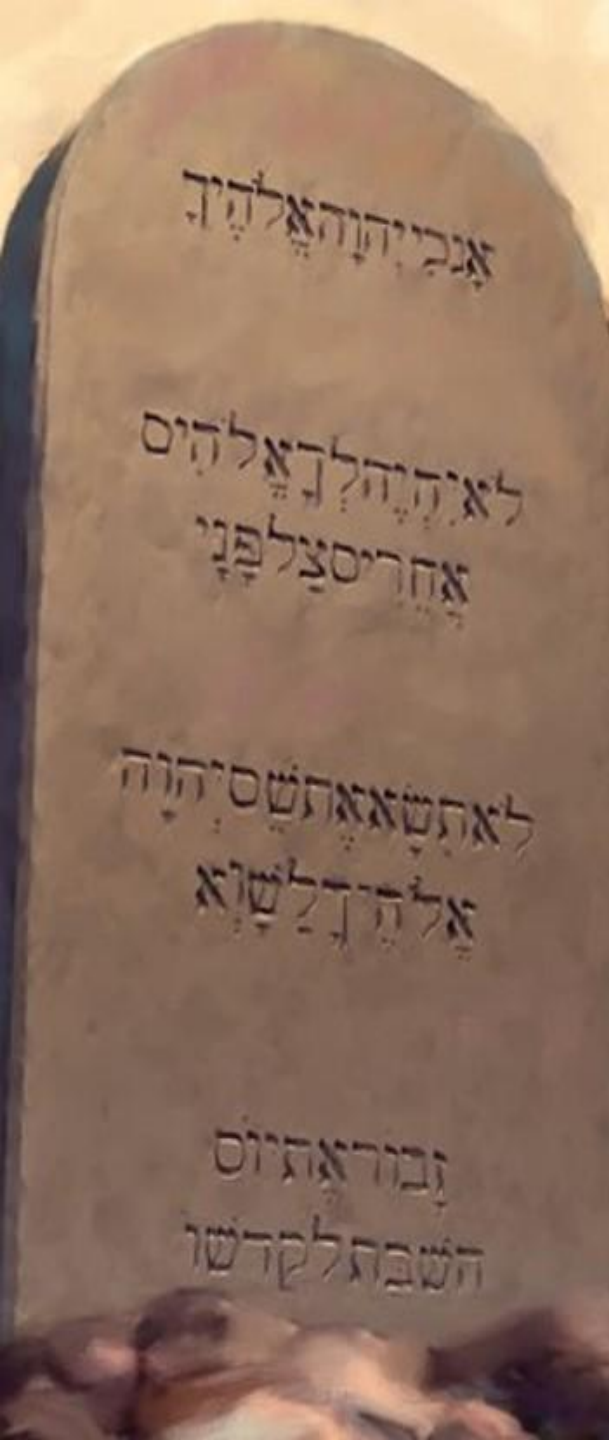
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# Do not prioritize experience!

God's *written* Word to you  
is God's voice for you now.

Be careful to hear  
all things through it!





# Love the LORD Alone

Love the LORD alone by listening to Him alone.

**Love the LORD alone by  
*fearing* Him alone.**

# Fear Him!

“...fear the LORD your God” (v 2)

“...be careful” (v 3)

“...take care” (v 12)

“It is the LORD your God you shall fear.” (v 13)

“The LORD commanded us...  
to fear the LORD our God.” (v 24)

But what does it mean  
to “fear the Lord”?

Fearing the LORD is not something  
*different* than loving Him.

Fearing Him is the way that you love Him.

Fearing Him begins by seeing Him  
in His holiness, expands by knowing  
Him more and more, and is  
demonstrated by *loving* obedience.

**Fear the LORD alone!**

Open your eyes wide to see His holiness.

# See and know Him in His holiness!

See and know His holiness  
in His commandments to you!

See and know that  
“The LORD our God, the LORD is one” (v 4)

See the good land and know that it was He who  
“brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand” (v 21)

See and know that God is Holy  
and mighty and do not presume  
upon His grace!



# **Fear the LORD alone!**

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## **Close your eyes tight to competing masters.**

Why “masters”?

Because you fear the master  
that you serve!

# Deuteronomy 6:13-14

It is the LORD your God you shall fear.  
Him you shall serve and by his name you shall swear.  
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the gods of the peoples who are around you.

# **Masters and Fear**

Consider your fear of man.

How much does that fear control you?

**So, who is your master?**

# What is Gospel Fear?

## Philippians 2:12-13

So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, **work out your salvation with fear and trembling...**

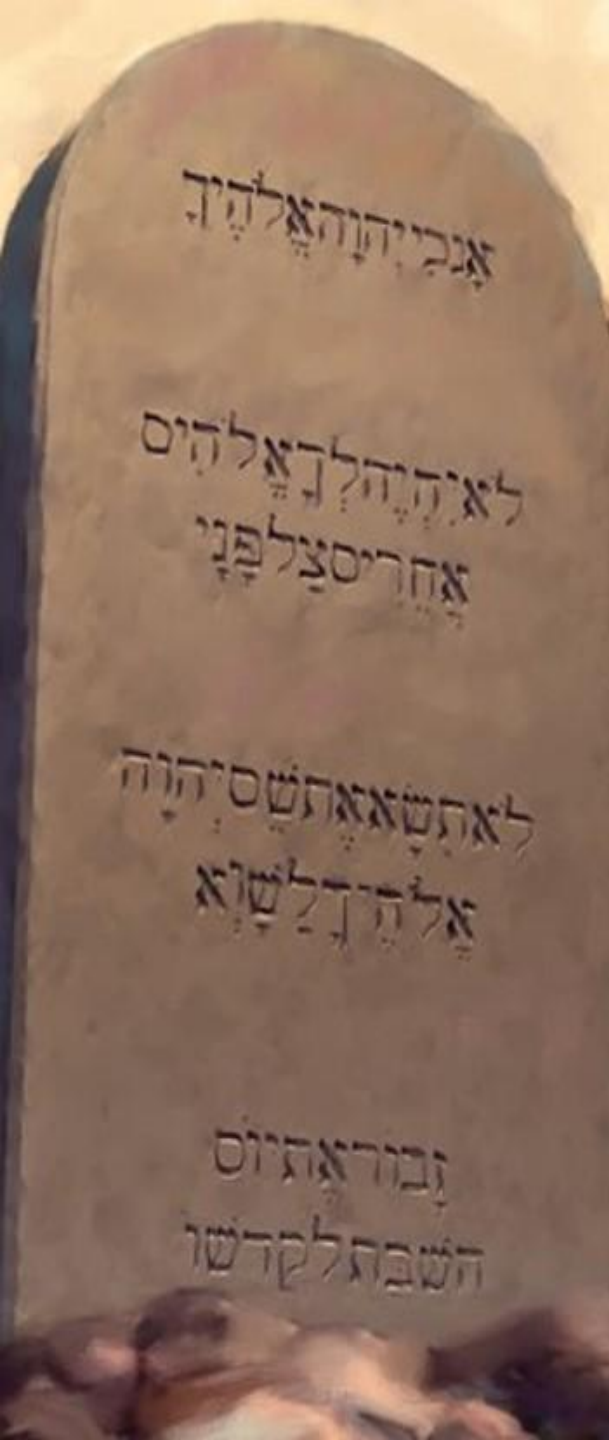
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both to will and to work for His good pleasure.

# Love the LORD Alone

Love the LORD alone by listening to Him alone.

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## Love the LORD alone by teaching His Word alone.





# **Teach His Word alone!**

Open your mouth wide  
to speak His truth.

# Deuteronomy 6:6-9

And these words that I command you today  
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# Teach His Word alone!

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**And then you teach your children  
and grandchildren!**

Just like them, we are  
immersed in a culture filled  
with competing messages!

## **Response:**

Shut your ears to the competing voices  
around you and listen to the Lord alone  
through His Word alone.

Shut your eyes to the competing fears of  
this world and fear the Lord alone.

Shut your mouth to competing messages  
and teach the gospel alone.