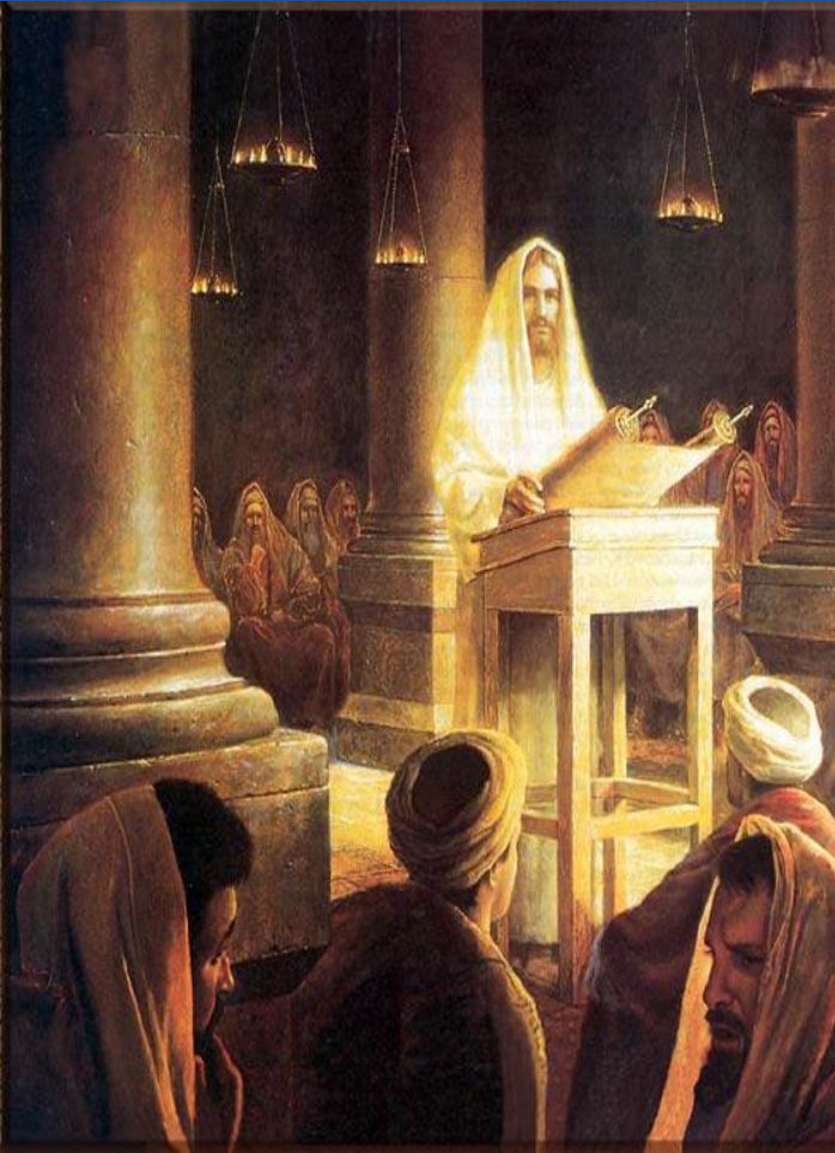


# DEUTERONOMY 6

## SHEMA, ISRAEL!



- Shema starts with Deut 6:4
- Mark 12:28 “....Jesus answered, ‘the foremost is Hear O Israel! The Lord our God is one.....you shall love the Lord with all your heart.....’”
- Deut 6:4 “Hear O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord is one...you shall love the Lord with all your heart.....”
- YESHUA WAS QUOTING THE SHEMA!!!

# WHY THE MISQUOTE?

- Jesus **BEGINS** his statement with “Hear O Israel!”
- Why does the Church invariably drop that part?
- Do we **drop** the 10 Commandments and “love the Lord your God” because it was addressed directly to Israel? **NO!**
- There are **NOT** separate commands and gospels for the Church versus for Israel!

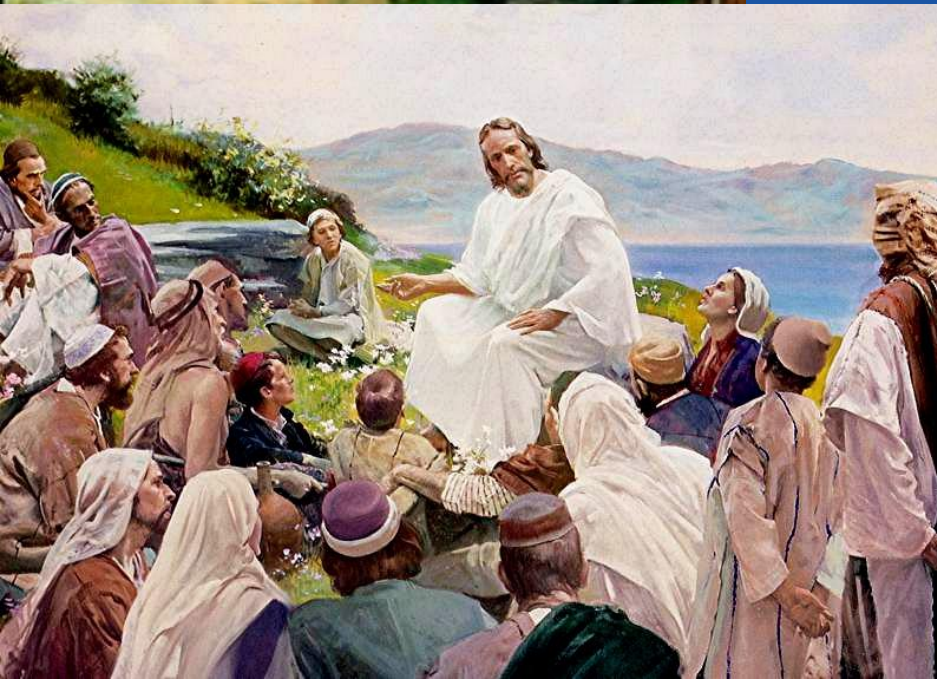
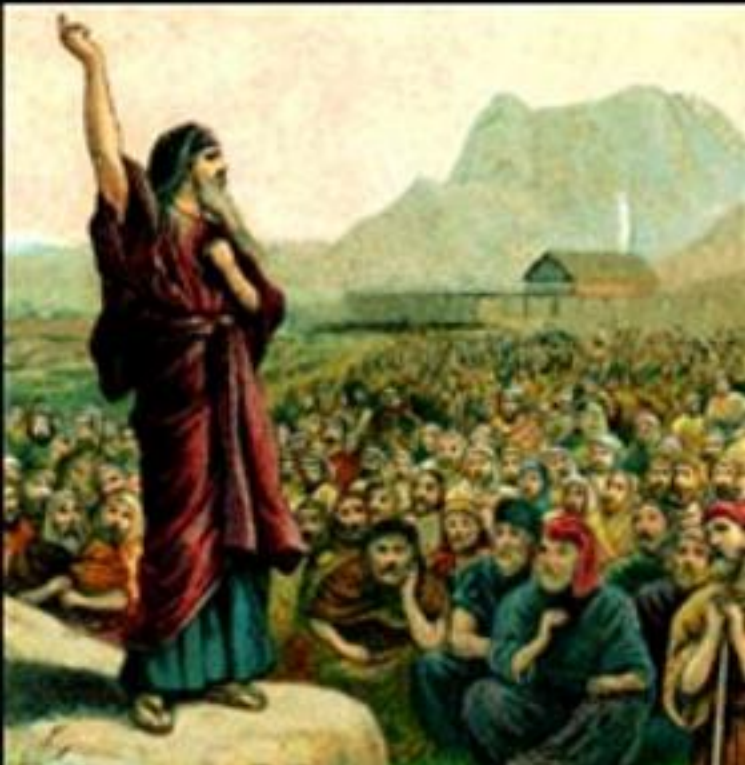


# A RE-STATEMENT OF THE LAW



- The REASON for the restatement is that this is the NEW generation
- The OLD generation is dead, and they had NOT properly passed the Law along
- Moses affirms he will teach ONLY what the Lord has instructed
- Two thoughts:
  - 1) Land flowing with milk and honey
  - 2) This is a fulfillment of the Abrahamic Covenant from 600 years earlier
- BOTH covenants still valid!

# MOSES' "SERMON ON THE MOUNT"



- Similarities and parallels between Yeshua's and Moses' "sermon on the mount"
- Moses interrupts the giving of the Law to interject the *Shema*
- *Shema* is the context for understanding and carrying out The Law
- The Law established the relationship between God and Israel

# OBEDIENCE = LOVING THE LORD

- God says OBEDIENCE is the response of love that He seeks
- Obedience cannot be disconnected from loving God
- In Greco-Roman times love moved away from being an ACTION and became an EMOTION
- 9 definitions of “love” in Webster’s ALL indicate it as primarily an emotion



# MATTHEW 5: THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT

- This is core statement of the Christian faith
- *“Blessed are”.....the Beatitudes*
- *“You are the salt of the earth.....”*
- Suddenly Jesus stops and interjects a crucial comment in order to establish the CONTEXT
- Matt 5:17 *“Do not think I came to abolish the Law....”*



# YESHUA'S WARNING NOT HEEDED



- Hebrew society forgot the “love YHWH” context and adopted new and mechanical rituals
- The CHURCH has forgotten the “love YHWH” context and adopted mechanical liturgies and spirit-less doctrines
- **OBEDIENCE IS THE EVIDENCE OF OUR LOVE OF GOD!**



# HEAR O ISRAEL !

- **“HEAR O ISRAEL! THE LORD IS OUR GOD, THE LORD IS ONE.”**
- Hear = *shema*
- *Shema* does NOT mean passive listening
- Shema means to HEAR AND OBEY! ACTION!
- In Hebrew: “*YHWH eloheinu, YHWH echad*”
- This Means that God is:
  - 1) The ONLY God that exists
  - 2) The ONLY object of worship permitted
  - 3) He is unified, not a collection of “pieces”
  - 4) His name is YHWH
  - 5) He directed this statement TO ISRAEL



# **“ YOU SHALL LOVE YHWH YOUR ELOHIM....”**

- Love as defined in the Bible is **PRIMARILY AN ACTION**
- Did the Lord command an **EMOTION** or did He command an **ACTION**?
- Conjuring up an emotion is very difficult for a human
- **DOING** a physical command is something man has the capacity to do, even in disagreement
- True love of God, however, involves **MORE** than only physical action
- Love is also a state of mind and a state of our spirit
- Emotion **IS** a component of love, but it is **NOT** the chief one!

# LOVE IS THE OPPOSITE OF HATE

- To HATE God is to REJECT God
- To HATE God is be UNFAITHFUL to God
- To LOVE God is to accept Him
- The highest essence of accepting Him is submission
- Submission IS obedience

**American**



**Atheists**

I still think  
this religious  
stuff is  
superstitious  
nonsense!



# “LOVE THE LORD WITH ALL YOUR HEART...”

- *Levav* or *Lev* = heart
- Means the blood-pumping organ
- Hebrews did NOT think of the heart as the seat of emotions and morals as we do
- For Hebrews, the heart had the function of the “mind” or “brain”
- We should translate this phrase as: “Love the Lord will all of your MIND”



**“with all our  
soul.....”**



- Soul = *Nefesh*
- *Nefesh* can mean Living Being, soul, essence, life, breath, the self
- **“with all your might”**
- ***Be-khol me-odekah***
- Means to use exceedingly great effort and conscious thought
- Deuteronomy is the first book of Torah to speak of man loving God
- Deut 6:6 **“and these words.....shall be on your HEART..”**
- Note that this is NOT a NT event!
- But in both NT and OT to be “written on our hearts” means to be written on our MINDS!