

Prayers that Yeshua prayed – Shema – Deu. 6:4

Tonight we continue with the Vahavta. Why is it necessary for us to love G-d with all of our heart? Why does the Biblical command say “le’vvacha” with two vets? This class discusses this problem and deals with confronting the Yetzer hara. What is the theme of the Shema? What does it mean and what is it trying to tell us.

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<http://www.ccel.org/ccel/edersheim/lifetimes.vi.i.html>

Deu 6:4 Hear, Yisra'el: the L-RD is our G-d; the L-RD is one: 5 and you shall love the L-RD your G-d with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might.

Mar 12:28 One of the scribes came, and heard them questioning together. Knowing that he had answered them well, asked him, "Which mitzvah is the greatest of all?"

Mar 12:29 Yeshua answered, "The greatest is, 'Hear, Yisra'el, the L-rd our G-d, the L-rd is one:

Mar 12:30 you shall love the L-rd your G-d with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' This is the first mitzvah.

Mar 12:31 The second is like this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other mitzvah greater than these."

Mar 12:32 The scribe said to him, "Truly, teacher, you have said well that he is one, and there is none other but he,

Mar 12:33 and to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, with all the soul, and with all the strength, and to love his neighbor as himself, is more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices."

The two tablets (of the Commandments) are known as the Lukot.

These are the tablets of the Word of G-d or the Ashreh or the 10 word pillars

Decalogue or logos the ten word spoken

The first two prayers said before the Shema are : yetzer or and Ahavat Olam

Another name for the Shemoi Eshrei is The Ha Teffillah or the Standing Prayer

In the Pseukei D'Zimrah is known as verses of praise.

Two vets gives the allusion to the Yetzer ha tov (good inclination)and yetzer hara (evil inclination)

The yetzer hatov is always drawing us toward G-dly things.

The yetzer hara needs to be mastered and willingly drown to G-dly things

Tikkum olam is the healing of the universe or world

1Jn 3:8 He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. To this end the Son of G-d was revealed, that he might destroy the works of the devil.

Our occupation is for me to destroy the works of the adversary; or the yetzer ha ra

1Jn 2:15 Don't love the world, neither the things that are in the world. If anyone loves the world, the Father's love isn't in him.

The "ha ra" is so in love with the world that it only thinks about satisfying the flesh

Gen 1:1 In the beginning G-d created the heavens and the earth.

There is both allusion to the spiritual and the natural in the first verse

Gen 2:7 The L-RD G-d formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

This is the first time that the tetragrammaton was used.

Man cannot live in a world of absolute justice. the Tetragrammaton is a giving of mercy.

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the breath of lives or the neshamna chayim

These can be seen as spiritual and also natural lives

We have an element of evil or the animalistic nature and also the element of good the spirit of G-d.

The yetzer hatov has already been mastered. It is the breath of G-d; an element of G-d.

The Yetzer hara is your flesh. When Paul uses the word flesh (basar), it is the meat that is used for the animal sacrifice.

[Comment From mary-houston ]

Shalom,,,Does having a tendency toward one Yetzer over the other gives that one more power than the other, or are they always equal in power at all times ?

The yetzer hara can also be labeled as "desire".

The desire for the yetzer hara is wanted for material things or worldly things.

[Comment From mary-houston ]

Which Yetzer does procreation comes from ?

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[Comment From Courtney ]

A Question for the end of class: In Gen 2:7 the word "Nishmat" is translated as "breath". It looks like its root might be "Shema". Does it? If it does, then how does "Breath" reconcile with "hear"? Are we to listen to Adonai's breath? or The essence of life (breathing) is listening to Adonai?

Exo 20:18 All the people perceived the thunderings, the lightnings, the sound of the shofar, and the mountain smoking. When the people saw it, they trembled, and stayed at a distance.

[Comment From mary-houston ]

At the time HaShem breathe into Adam,,, what age was he begining life at ,, and was he Bar Mitzvah at the beginning of like?