

## Torahfocus April 30, 2009

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Shalom and Welcome to Torah Focus

Deu 6:4 Shema, Israel, Adonai Elohanu, Adonai Echad

Deu 6:3 Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe to do it; that it may be well with thee, and that ye may increase mightily, as the LORD God of thy fathers hath promised thee, in the land that floweth with milk and honey.

Deu 6:4 Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD:

Deu 6:5 And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.

Deu 6:6 And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart:

Deu 6:7 And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

Deu 6:8 And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes.

Deu 6:9 And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates.

Matthew 22 parallels this passage Mark 12:28ff.

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 Lord our God, the Lord is one:

Mar 12:30 you shall love the Lord your God 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."

The Scribe is known as one that is probably on the Beit Din. He was seen as a "lawyer" or someone that could answer the difficult questions on the halachic rulings.

Mat 22:36 "Rabbi, which is the greatest mitzvah in the Torah?"

Mat 22:37 Yeshua said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.'

Mat 22:38 This is the first and great mitzvah.

Mat 22:39 A second likewise is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'

Mat 22:40 The whole Torah and the Prophets depend on these two mitzvot."

The 10 commandments cover two main ideas.

The first five deal with loving HaShem

The second five deal with loving your brother

There are ceremonial and civil mitzvot in Torah.

One Torah covers both ceremonial and the civil systems. This creates a Theocratic or a "one ruler" society.

שמע ישראל יהוה אלהינו יהוה אחד : Deu 6:4

The idea is to heed what is about to be said.

The second part of the Shema is:

Blessed is the Name of His glorious kingdom for all eternity.

When you say the Shema you are making a declaration of faith and then you are accept the yoke of His Kingdom.

Num 24:5 How goodly are your tents, Ya`akov, and your tents, Yisra'el!

Opposition in the world is the greatest asset to obtain spiritual growth

We should always continue to think that we are still in the Mishkan. The talit is removed physically but it needs to remain in our mind so that we stay in the Mishkan mentally.

The Jews say at least 100 blessings everyday.

We must always acknowledge that we are in partnership with God on the earth. We are part of the creative structure on the earth.

Everything before the Amidah is just preparatory to petitioning God for things that need to be prayed for.

Mat 6:9 Pray like this: 'Our Father in heaven, may your name be kept holy.

Mat 6:10 Let your Kingdom come. Let your will be done, as in heaven, so on earth.

Mat 6:11 Give us today our daily bread.

Mat 6:12 Forgive us our debts, as we also forgive our debtors.

Mat 6:13 Bring us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For yours is the Kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.'

Yeshua uses a sample of the amidah in the Lord's Prayer.

We can be vague in our prayers and then we can be more definitive.

## **The 18 Benedictions of the Amidah:**

1-3 are Praise

from 4-16 are petitions

from 17-19 are a form of worship

The areas of petitions are:

Insight

Kudashah

Repentance

Forgiveness

Redemption

Health and Healing

Prosperity

In gathering of Exiles

Restoration of Justice

Against Heretics

The Righteous

Rebuilding Jerusalem

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Toda Raba for being with us tonight on Torahfocus

Shalom Chaverim and G-d Bless