

What is the hardest temptation you have faced against the first commandment?

Deuteronomy follows the crisis of the forty years of wandering (and dying) in the desert.

In Deuteronomy God through Moses is speaking to the new generation of Israel.

The Hebrew name for this book is *Words*.

Deuteronomy is "the second law." The "Ten Words" were repeated in chapter 5.

Chapter 6 is foundational. It contains:

- the Old Testament creed
 - the first and greatest commandment
 - 2 of the 3 passages which Jesus used against the devil's temptations
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Let's read Deuteronomy 6:1-5.

There are many words for the things God tells people to do. Here are four:
command (*mitzvah*) or "commandment" —

decree (*chuqqah*) or "inscription" or "statute" —

law (*mishpat*) or "judgment" —

stipulation (*edah*) or "testimony" or "witness" —

Hea**R**, O Israel, the LORD our God, the LORD is on**E**.

Why was this a key verse for Israel at the time of Moses?

Why is this still a key verse? (Consider also Exodus 34:6-7.)

Love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength.
This is the flip side of 5:6-7. Let's explain.

Let's look at what Jesus says about this command. See Mark 12:28-34.

Why did Jesus tell the man, "You are not far from the kingdom of God"?

Let's read Deuteronomy 6:6-12.

How do you do what God commands in verses 6-9?

Looking at verse 3 and verses 10-11, what were the Israelites going to get?

What warning does every one of God's people need to hear?

Let's read Deuteronomy 6:13-19.

The LORD your God you shall fear, and him you shall serve.

Why is the LORD jealous, and what will he do in his jealousy?

Let's look at how Jesus used this verse. See Matthew 4:8-10.

Do not test the LORD your God as you did at Massah.

How does a person test God?

Let's look at how Jesus used this verse. See Matthew 4:5-7.

How does Jesus teach us the meaning of Deuteronomy 6:6-9?

Let's read Deuteronomy 6:20-25.

How would *your son* know what the commands of God are all about?

A wonderful summary of the covenant is given in verses 21-24.

Egypt—

the land—

the law—

In what sense would obeying the law be Israel's righteousness?

Crises are not times to question God, but times to trust God.

Love the LORD your God!