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Following God...

Shema

"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.

Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength." (Deut. 6:4-5)

What does the Lord require?

"To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." (Micah 6:8)

- **A Declaration & Summons**
- Accepting God's **authority**, and doing God's **will**
- Utter **dependence** on God

"O how I love your law! It is my meditation all the day." (Psa. 119:97)

*Accepting God's
authority and
doing His Will*

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A New Command

The Greatest Commandment

- *“The most important one,” answered Jesus, “is this: ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ The second is this: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no commandment greater than these.”*
(Mark 12:29-31)

A New Command I give you

- *“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”*
(John 13:34-35)

*Love one
another*

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Torah that starts “In the Beginning”

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| 776 [e] | 853 [e] | 8064 [e] | 853 [e] | 430 [e] | 1254 [e] | 7225 [e] |
| hā-'ā-reṣ. | wə-'êṭ | haš-šā-ma-yim | 'êṭ | 'ë-lō-hîm; | bā-rā | bə-rê-šît |
| הָאָרֶץ: | וְאֵת | הַשָּׁמַיִם | אֵת | אֱלֹהִים | בָּרָא | בְּרֵאשִׁית 1 |
| the earth | and | the heavens | - | God | created | In the beginning |
| Noun | Acc | Noun | Acc | Noun | Verb | Noun |

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Hebrew Thought

- Hebrew letter Bet, open to the direction of the reading , starting the first letter and moving forward, asking **what God’s will is and how should one live it out?**
- The second letter of the Hebrew alphabet shows that Scriptures do not answer every question, and **not all knowledge is accessible to man**, but some is reserved for God himself.

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The Torah that starts with Aleph

Some things God does not reveal.

“Go your way, Daniel, because the words are rolled up and sealed until the time of the end.” (Dan. 12:9)

- Rabbinic writings: the **Messiah** will give a **new Torah** he receives from God. This Torah will be **taught by the Messiah, or God Himself**. Beginning with Aleph.

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.” (Matt 5:17)

- Jesus intended to **affirm the Torah’s fullness and truth by teaching all of it in a way that is true to its intended meaning.**
- Jesus’ intent was to establish Torah’s full and intended meaning so that **the disciples would know how to follow God.**
- *“I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.”* (Rev. 22:13)(Aleph/Tav)



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Sitting at the Right Hand of Power

Messiah God

“Then the high priest stood up and said to Jesus, “Are you not going to answer? What is this testimony that these men are bringing against you?”” But Jesus kept silent. And the high priest said to Him, “I charge you under oath by the living God: Tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God.”” Jesus said to him, “You have said it yourself; nevertheless I tell you, hereafter you will see THE SON OF MAN SITTING AT THE RIGHT HAND OF POWER, and COMING ON THE CLOUDS OF HEAVEN.” (Matt. 26:62-64)

- You are going to see him seated (judge)
- You who judge me, I am going to judge you
- The Divine Messiah

“Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet.” (Psa. 110:1)

“I kept looking in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven, One like a Son of Man was coming, and He came up to the Ancient of Days and was presented before Him.” (Dan. 7:13)

*The
Divine Messiah*

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The Advancing Kingdom

Breaking forth

“From the days of John the Baptist until now, the kingdom of heaven has been subjected to violence, and violent people have been raiding it.” (Matt. 11:12)

- The Kingdom of Heaven is **breaking forth**.
- Every person in it is **breaking forth**.
- The flock is **breaking forth** from the pen. (Mic. 2:13)
- The Kingdom of Heaven is **bursting forth** into the world, and the individuals within the Kingdom are finding liberty and freedom, being released from sin.
- A **community**, a chosen **people**, a royal **priesthood**, a holy **nation**, God’s **special possession**. (1 Pet. 2:9)

“The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”
(Luke 4:18-19) [ref. Isa. 61:1-2, Isa. 58:6]

Breaking Forth

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Following God; God with us

God inserted himself into a specific place...
into a specific time
with a specific people
in a specific culture,
speaking a specific language

The Word Made Flesh

“The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the Glory of the One and Only, who is at the Father’s side, has made him known.”

(John 1:14)

God with us

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