

The Law of Moses:

The Shema: “The Doctrine of the Heart”

“God is the same Yesterday, Today, and Forever”

The heart symbolizes the center or "core" of our being, from which prayer and moral actions originate.

“Blessed are the Pure in Heart...”

“For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.”

“Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all your Heart...”

Questions:

1. **What is the overall purpose of the Law of Moses?**
(Schoolmaster: Gal 3:24, 2 Nephi 25:25; Jacob 4:5; Alma 34:14)
2. **What is the most important part of the Law of Moses?**
(The Shema: Deuteronomy 6:3-9)
3. **Why do you Jews wear phylacteries during morning prayer?**
(The black boxes on their head and arm—See Deut 6:8-9 footnotes)
4. **Did Jesus wear phylacteries when he was a boy?**
(Most likely)
5. **What is The most important Commandment?**
(The Shema=Love God with all your heart, might, mind, & strength)

➤ The Law of Moses:

- i. Schoolmaster: (Gal 3:24, 2 Nephi 25:25; Jacob 4:5; Alma 34:14)

➤ The Shema (Most important part of the Law; Duet 6, phylacteries)

- i. Duet 6:8:

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

footnote 8b: “Phylacteries: passages of the law written on scrolls of parchment enclosed in tiny boxes, bound on the left arm and on the forehead, as an ordinance of remembrance of the Mosaic law, and worn by Jews during the morning prayers.”

ii. Duet 6:9:

“...And thou shalt write them upon the *posts of thy house, and on thy gates.”

Footnote 9a: “Mezuzot: passages of the law written on tiny scrolls, enclosed in a small container and nailed to the right door post or gate, as an ordinance of remembrance.”

➤ **2 Greatest Commandments?**

i. **Matt 22:36-37/Luke 10:25-29**

➤ **Elder Maxwell Quote:**

➤ **Mary to Young Jesus VT (St. Anne’s Statue/Pic)**

➤ **Doctrine of the Heart**

i. 1 Sam 16:7; Psalm 24:3-4; Prov 3:3,5, Prov 17:3; Prov 23:7; Isaiah 29:13 (Matt 15:8; Mark 7:6; 2 Nephi 27:25; JS-H 1:19); Jer 31:33; Ezek 11:19; 36:26; Mal 4:6; Matt 5:28; Matt 6:21; Luke 6:45; Luke 24:32; 2 Cor 3:3; Rev 2:23; 2 Nephi 31:13; Mosiah 2:9; Mosiah 5:12; 12:27; Alma 5:7, 14, 16; Alma 32:28; Helaman 12:4; 3 Nephi 9:20; 11:29-30; 4 Nephi 1:28; Mormon 9:27; Moroni 10:3; D&C 4:2; D&C 6:16; D&C 8:2; D&C 11:26; D&C 25:12; D&C 64:22,34; D&C 121:35; D&C 137:9; Moses 7:18

ii. **Egyptian “Weighing of the Heart”**

iii. **Obedience vs. Righteousness**

1. **D&C 137:9 Judged according to What?**

2. **Elder Oaks Quote (Motives...Righteousness)**

3. **Matthew 7:21-23 & Matthew 25:10-13**

4. **“Battle Hymn of the Republic” vs 2 (Hymn #60)**

iv. **What was JS told in the 1st Vision about hearts?** (Isaiah 29:13)

v. **Elder Oaks first talk as an Apostle (“Why We Serve?”)**

6 reasons in ascending order...

1. Riches or honor.
2. To obtain good companionship.
3. Out of fear of punishment.
4. Duty or loyalty.
5. Hope of an eternal reward.
6. The highest motive for service... LOVE! Love for God & His Son

vi. **Mosiah 5:11-15**

vii. **“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing” (words)**

Quoted References:

Old Testament:

Book of Deuteronomy Ch. 6:3-9

<https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/scriptures/ot/deut/6?lang=eng>

Book of Isaiah 29

<https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/scriptures/ot/isa/29?lang=eng>

New Testament:

Matthew Ch. 7, 22, & 25;

<https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/scriptures/nt/matt/7?lang=eng>

<https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/scriptures/nt/matt/22?lang=eng>

<https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/scriptures/nt/matt/25?lang=eng>

Luke 10

<https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/scriptures/nt/luke/10?lang=eng>

Book of Mormon:

Mosiah 5:11-15

<https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/scriptures/bofm/mosiah/5?lang=eng>

Doctrine & Covenants:

Doctrine & Covenants 137

<https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/scriptures/dc-testament/dc/137?lang=eng>

Topical Guide; Heart

<https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/scriptures/tg/heart?lang=eng>

Hymns:

Battle Hymn of the Republic Hymn #60

<https://abn.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/manual/hymns/battle-hymn-of-the-republic?lang=eng>

Elder Dallin H. Oaks: “Why We Serve” Oct. ’84 General Conference

<https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/general-conference/1984/10/why-do-we-serve?lang=eng>

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing (Mack Wilburg inaugural debut arrangement)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mUhUoHgTq94>

Elder Maxwell Quote/Talk:

<https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/general-conference/1995/04/deny-yourselves-of-all-ungodliness?lang=eng>

QUOTES:

“So it is that real, personal sacrifice never was placing an animal on the altar. Instead, it is a willingness to put the animal in us upon the altar and letting it be consumed! Such is the ‘sacrifice unto the Lord... of a broken *heart* and a contrite spirit,’ (D&C 59:8), a prerequisite to taking up the cross, while giving ‘away all [our] sins’ in order to ‘know God’ (Alma 22:18) for the denial of self precedes the full acceptance of Him.”

Elder Neal A. Maxwell Of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles Conference

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“The scriptures make clear that God understands our motives and will judge our actions accordingly. If we do not act for the right reasons, our acts will not be counted for righteousness. It is the motive that gives life and legitimacy to the acts of the believer”

(Elder Dallin H. Oaks, Conference October 1984)

“**Happiness** is the object and design of our existence; and will be the end thereof, if we pursue the path that leads to it; and this path is virtue, uprightness, faithfulness, holiness, and keeping all the commandments of God. But we cannot keep all the commandments without first knowing them, and we cannot expect to know all, or more than we now know unless we comply with or keep those we have already received . . . He never will institute an ordinance or give a commandment to His people that is not calculated in its nature to promote that happiness which He has designed.”

[HC 5:134-35] Aug. 27, 1842) TPJS, pg. 255-256

“**The most important of all the commandments** of God is that one that you’re having the most difficulty keeping today. If it’s one of dishonesty, if it’s one of unchastity, if it’s one of falsifying, not telling the truth, today is the day for you to work on that until you’ve been able to conquer that weakness. Then you start on the next one that’s most difficult for you to keep.”

(Harold B. Lee, Church News, May 5, 1973)

“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Come thou fount of every blessing
Tune my heart to sing thy grace
Streams of mercy never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above
I'll praise the mount I'm fixed upon it
Mount of thy redeeming love

Here I raise my Ebenezer
Hither by thy help I come
And I hope by thy good pleasure
Safely to arrive at home

Jesus sought me when a stranger
Wondering from the fold of God
He, to rescue me from danger
Interposed His precious blood

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee
Prone to wander Lord I feel it, prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above
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