

## *Deuteronomy Chapter 6:4-5 – “Shamah”*

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Israel: Governed by God.

V: 4 **LORD:** (H-3068) Yehovah, the self-Existent or Eternal One; Jehovah, Yahweh.

**God:** (H-430). 'elohiym, el-o-heem'; a uni-plural noun. This singular plurality points to the Trinity, reiterated by the phrase at the end of this verse “One LORD”.

- In Hebrew “God” singular is “El”, there is also a dual tense which is “Ela” expressing a duality.
- The suffix in Hebrew to express a plurality is “Eim” – God in the plural sense is “Elohiym” our Three in One God is one.

**One:** (H-259). 'echad, ekh-awd'

- The Hebrew language has two different words to express “one”. The first is “yacheim” which is absolute one. The other Hebrew word is “echad” which expresses a compound unity.
- My wife and I are “echad” – we are one.
- Had this verse said “The Lord our God is “yacheim” – which is doesn’t – then any argument about the Trinity would be resolved, but the word used is “ehcad” The Lord our God is ehcad – a compound unity – God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit - the Trinity.
- The word “Trinity” is not found in the Bible, it is a Biblical concept revealed in the Bible.
- The doctrine of the “Trinity” is that God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit are One God, each fully God, existent in three distinct persons.
- The first hint of the Triune God is in the very first verse of the Bible.

**Genesis 1:1** “In the beginning God (Elohim, uni-plural noun) created the heaven and the earth.”

**Matthew 28:19** “Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.”

**1 Peter 1:2** “Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied.”

**1 John 5:7-8** “<sup>7</sup>For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one. <sup>8</sup>And there are

three that bear witness in earth, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood:  
and these three agree in one.”

V: 5 “*Thou shalt love....*” Here we see God “commanding” that we love Him.

- We usually define love as a wonderful feeling, a deep and pleasant emotion which is why for the most part we “love” conditionally – usually if you love me back.
- The Bible doesn’t view love the same way.
- According to scripture love is an act of the will – which is why God “commands” us to love Him.
- God gives us plenty of good reasons to love Him, it is only reasonable.
- Love is simply a choice we make; in other words sometimes choose to love, then the feeling will follow – which is why God is “commanding” His children to love Him.

Testimony: woman, counselor, trick husband – result was loving her husband.

- As an act of the will we choose to relate to God and to other persons in a loving way no matter how we may feel at the moment.
- Christian love means that we treat others the same way that God treats us.
- His love is kind and His love is forgiving so we try to be kind and forgiving towards others.

**Ephesians 4:32** “And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ’s sake hath forgiven you.”

**John 13:35** “By this shall all men know that ye are My disciples, if ye have love one to another.”

- God’s desire is the very best for us, so we desire the very best for others, even if it means sacrifice on our part.

**John 10:10** “<sup>10</sup>... I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. <sup>11</sup>I am the Good Shepherd: the Good Shepherd giveth His life for the sheep.”

- Love isn’t just a warm fuzzy emotion; love leads to action.

**John 3:16** “For God so loved the world.... that He gave His only begotten Son...that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”

*“... with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.”*

- Holding nothing back:

Deuteronomy 4:29, 10:12, Joshua 22:5 – Matthew 22:37, Mark 12:30, Luke 10:27

- Soul, heart, mind, strength, might.

**Psalm 103:1** “Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless His holy name.”

- Here we’re told to love God with all our heart (innermost being, our spirit), all our soul (consciousness), and all our might / strength (body)
- Jesus reiterates this command when asked what the greatest commandment was:

**Matthew 22:37** “Jesus said unto him, thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.”

- It encapsulates the first tablet dealing with our relationship with God.
- If we love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength –
  1. Then we won’t have any other God’s before Him.
  2. Graven images won’t be an issue.
  3. Nor will taking His name in vain be a problem.
  4. We’ll keep the Sabbath, resting in our Lord Jesus and his completed work on the cross.
- Jesus added to that what He called 2<sup>nd</sup> of the greatest commandments:

**Matthew 22:39** “And the second is like unto it, thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.”

- If we take this commandment to heart then:
  1. honoring our father and mother
  2. Not killing people.
  3. Not committing adultery
  4. Not stealing
  5. Not lying
  6. Not coveting won’t be a problem either.
- In verse 4 we see that our God is a Triune God, One God in a Tri-unity.
- In verse 5 He is saying that He wants to be one with us which is something Jesus later teaches in the NT.

**John 17:20** “that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us...”

The Apostle John writes:

**1 John 1:1-3** “<sup>1</sup>That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life; <sup>2</sup>For the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us; <sup>3</sup>That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ.”

- God wants so much to be our God, He created us to have fellowship with Him.

**Leviticus 26:11-12** “<sup>11</sup>And I will set My tabernacle among you: and My soul shall not abhor you. <sup>12</sup>And I will walk among you, and will be your God, and ye shall be My people.”

- Being one with Jesus, fellowship with the Father – it starts with a born-again experience.

### John 3:3

- Superior Trinity vs: inferior trinity.
- Adam & Eve, in communion & fellowship with God, then sin entered into their hearts.
- Broken fellowship through sin – restored fellowship through Jesus.

**Romans 10:9, 13** “<sup>9</sup>That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.” – “<sup>13</sup>For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.”