

Hear, O Israel

Becoming a Faithful Community of God

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Introduction

1. No Other Gods (Exodus 20:3)
2. Love the Lord, Your God (Deuteronomy 6:4-5)
3. Peace Through the Cross (Colossians 1:19-20)

Conclusion:

Yahweh revealed Himself to be Israel's covenant God, and called them to have no other gods; through Jesus, God has called us to know Him in the same way, granting us peace in loving only one God.

SERMON LATER – REFLECTION

1. Without looking it up in a dictionary, how would you define what a *god* is? According to your definition, is there anything besides Yahweh that could qualify as a god in your life? What could you do to reduce the power these things have over you?
2. Does the first commandment (Exodus 20:3) teach that there is only one God, or that there is only one God we should worship? What is the difference between those two things? Which do you understand to be the true teaching of scripture?
3. What is the connection between worshipping God and loving God with all our heart, soul, and strength? Have you ever tried to worship God *without* loving God? How effective was that worship?
4. What do you do when you don't have the strength to love God fully? What measures have you found that are effective at restoring the strength of your love for God?
5. What does it say about God that He has taken the initiative to reconcile all things to Himself through Jesus (Colossians 1:20)? When you experience the need for reconciliation in your life, how often are you the one to initiate? What sacrifices have you found to be necessary to achieve true reconciliation?