



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

5 You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul,
and with all your strength. Deut 6:4-5 NKJV

- I. Love the LORD your God with all your heart
- II. Love the LORD your God with all your soul
- III. Love the LORD your God with all your strength

Look at some of the expressions that we say in regard to the heart.

“With all my heart”

“His heart is not in it”

Love the LORD your God with all your heart

- ❖ **The Hebrew word for heart is “Leb”.**
- ❖ **Leb is used to describe the whole person of man**
- ❖ **Leb is also used to describe the personalities of man.**
 - a. Intellect
 - b. Emotion
 - c. Will

❖ Heart is mentioned as the whole person, Judges 19:4-6

4 Now his father-in-law, the young woman's father, detained him; and he stayed with him three days. So they ate and drank and lodged there.

5 Then it came to pass on the fourth day that they arose early in the morning, and he stood to depart; but the young woman's father said to his son-in-

law, "**Refresh your heart** with a morsel of bread, and afterward go your way."

6 So they sat down, and the two of them ate and drank together. Then the young woman's father said to the man, "Please be content to stay all night, and **let your heart be merry.**" NKJV

Intellect.

Prov 23:7

7 For as he thinks in his heart, so is he. "Eat and drink!" he says to you, But his heart is not with you. NKJV

Dan 1:8

8 But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's delicacies, nor with the wine which he drank; therefore he requested of the chief of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself.

NKJV

2 Cor 9:7

7 So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.
NKJV

Emotion

Will

Ps 10

3 For the wicked boasts of **his heart's desire**; He blesses the greedy and renounces the LORD.

4 The wicked in his proud countenance does not seek God; **God is in none of his thoughts.**

5 His ways are always prospering; Your judgments are far above, out of his sight; As for all his enemies, he sneers at them.

6 **He has said in his heart**, "I shall not be moved; I shall never be in adversity."

7 His mouth is full of cursing and deceit and oppression; Under his tongue is trouble and iniquity.

8 He sits in the lurking places of the villages; In the secret places he murders the innocent; His eyes are secretly fixed on the helpless.

9 He lies in wait secretly, as a lion in his den; He lies in wait to catch the poor; He catches the poor when he draws him into his net.

10 So he crouches, he lies low, That the helpless may fall by his strength.

11 He has said in his heart, "God has forgotten; He hides His face; He will never see."

12 Arise, O LORD! O God, lift up Your hand! Do not forget the humble.

13 Why do the wicked renounce God? **He has said in his heart,** "You will not require an account."

14 But You have seen, for You observe **trouble and grief**, To repay it by Your hand. The helpless commits himself to You; You are the helper of the fatherless.

15 Break the arm of the wicked and the evil man; Seek out his wickedness until You find none.

16 The LORD is King forever and ever; The nations have perished out of His land.

17 LORD, **You have heard the desire of the humble; You will prepare their heart;** You will cause Your ear to hear,

18 To do justice to the fatherless and the oppressed, **That the man of the earth may oppress no more.**

Love the LORD your God with all your soul

- a. **The Soul is the emotional seat of man's appetite**
- b. **Soul deals with how you feel.**
- c. **The word "soul" is used interchangeably with "life" and it is also used to describe one's "life".**

Gen 19:20

20 See now, this city is near enough to flee to, and it is a little one; please let me escape there (is it not a little one?) and my soul shall live." NKJV

Gen 27:19-31

19 Jacob said to his father, "I am Esau your firstborn; I have done just as you told me; please arise, sit and eat of my game, **that your soul may bless me.**"

24 Then he said, "Are you really my son Esau?" He said, "I am."

25 He said, "Bring it near to me, and I will eat of my son's game, **so that my soul may bless you.**" **So he brought it near to him, and he ate; and he brought him wine, and he drank.**

30 **Now it happened, as soon as Isaac had finished blessing Jacob, and Jacob had scarcely gone out from the presence of Isaac his father, that Esau his brother came in from his hunting.**

31 **He also had made savory food, and brought it to his father, and said to his father, "Let my father arise and eat of his son's game, that your soul may bless me."**

NKJV

Gen 34:1-8

34:1 Now Dinah the daughter of Leah, whom she had borne to Jacob, went out to see the daughters of the land.

2 And when Shechem the son of Hamor the Hivite, prince of the country, saw her, he took her and lay with her, and violated her.

3 **His soul was strongly attracted to Dinah the daughter of Jacob, and he loved the young woman and spoke kindly to the young woman.**

4 So Shechem spoke to his father Hamor, saying, "Get me this young woman as a wife."

5 And Jacob heard that he had defiled Dinah his daughter. Now his sons were with his livestock in the field; so Jacob held his peace until they came.

6 Then Hamor the father of Shechem went out to Jacob to speak with him.

7 And the sons of Jacob came in from the field when they heard it; and the men were grieved and very angry, because he had done a disgraceful thing in Israel by lying with Jacob's daughter, a thing which ought not to be done.

8 But Hamor spoke with them, saying, "**The soul of my son Shechem longs for your daughter. Please give her to him as a wife.**"

NKJV

The soul leaves the body in death

Gen 35:18

18 And so it was, as **her soul was departing (for she died)**, that she called his name Ben-Oni; but his father called him Benjamin.

NKJV

The soul in trouble cries out for help

Job 3:20-5:1

20 "Why is light given to him who is in misery, And life to **the bitter of soul,**

21 **Who long for death,** but it does not come, And search for it more than hidden treasures;

22 **Who rejoice exceedingly, And are glad when they can find the grave?**

23 **Why is light given to a man whose way is hidden, And whom God has hedged in?**

24 **For my sighing comes before I eat, And my groanings pour out like water.**

25 **For the thing I greatly feared has come upon me, And what I dreaded has happened to me.**

26 **I am not at ease, nor am I quiet; I have no rest, for trouble comes."**

Ps 142:4-143

4 Look on my right hand and see, For there is no one who acknowledges me; Refuge has failed me; No one cares for my soul.

5 I cried out to You, O LORD: I said, "You are my refuge, My portion in the land of the living.

6 Attend to my cry, For I am brought very low; Deliver me from my persecutors, For they are stronger than I.

7 Bring my soul out of prison, That I may praise Your name; The righteous shall surround me, For You shall deal bountifully with me."

Psalms 143

Hear my prayer, O LORD, Give ear to my supplications! In Your faithfulness answer me, And in Your righteousness.

2 Do not enter into judgment with Your servant, For in Your sight no one living is righteous.

3 **For the enemy has persecuted my soul;** He has crushed my life to the ground; He has made me dwell in darkness, Like those who have long been dead.

4 Therefore my spirit is overwhelmed within me; My heart within me is distressed.

5 I remember the days of old; I meditate on all Your works; I muse on the work of Your hands.

6 I spread out my hands to You; **My soul longs for You like a thirsty land.**
Selah

7 Answer me speedily, O LORD; My spirit fails! Do not hide Your face from me, Lest I be like those who go down into the pit.

8 Cause me to hear Your lovingkindness in the morning, For in You do I trust; Cause me to know the way in which I should walk, **For I lift up my soul to You.**

9 Deliver me, O LORD, from my enemies; In You I take shelter.

10 Teach me to do Your will, For You are my God; Your Spirit is good. Lead me in the land of uprightness.

11 Revive me, O LORD, for Your name's sake! For Your righteousness' sake **bring my soul out of trouble.**

12 In Your mercy cut off my enemies, And destroy all those who **afflict my soul;** For I am Your servant.

Love the LORD your God with all your strength

- d. That which you do.
- e. Your obedience
- f. Your righteousness

Love the LORD your God

- ❖ **How you think**
- ❖ **How you feel**
- ❖ **What you do**

When God touches the heart, you become bless. When man touches your soul you become a mess.

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