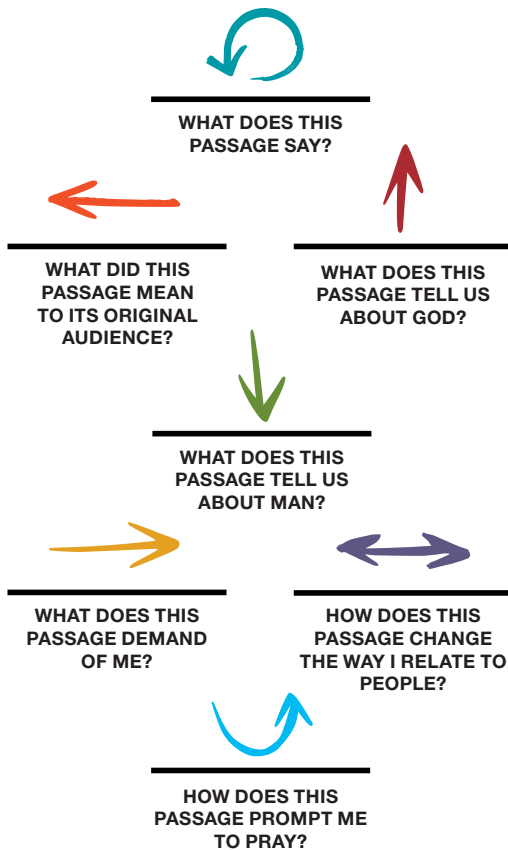




Daily DEVOTIONS

Choose five days this week to set aside time to dig deeper into God's Word with these devotions. We hope you'll make this a priority and encourage others in your group to do so as well.

7 Arrows FOR BIBLE READING



Day One DEUT. 6:1-3

Dwell



.01 WHAT REASONS OR INCENTIVES ARE GIVEN FOR THE ISRAELITES TO OBEY GOD'S COMMANDS (VV. 2-3)?



.02 WHAT MOTIVATES YOUR OBEDIENCE TO GOD? HOW MIGHT YOUR MOTIVES NEED TO CHANGE?

Deuteronomy 6:1-3 is the opening to one of the most quoted and important verses in the Old Testament. Here, once again, God speaks to His people through Moses, calling them to faithfulness to His law and promising blessings for doing so. The goal of all this was to cultivate a fear of God (v. 2). The fear in mind here is not terror so much as reverential awe.

Memorize

Ask a friend or family member to memorize Deuteronomy 6:5 with you this week. Quiz each other several times during the week.

Pray

Thank God for who He is and spend some time praising Him for all He's done in your life.

Day Two

DEUT. 6:4-9

Dwell

This passage is known by many as the “Shema”—the Hebrew word for “hear” which starts this section. Jesus would cite this passage when asked which is the greatest command in the law (Matt. 22:36-40). This passage not only helps us see the heart behind God’s law, but also the importance of continually reminding ourselves and our families of its value.

↑ .01 WHY IS IT IMPORTANT THAT WE BELIEVE THAT GOD IS ONE?

→ .02 WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE TO LOVE GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, SOUL, AND STRENGTH?

Memorize

Break Deuteronomy 6:5 down into several parts to memorize. Then attempt to recite it aloud from memory.

Pray

Ask God to help you grow in your love for Him this week.

Day Three

DEUT. 6:10-19

Dwell

← .01 WHY DID MOSES DRAW THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL’S ATTENTION TO THE MANY GIFTS GOD WOULD GIVE THEM IN THE PROMISED LAND?

↻ .02 WHAT DID GOD COMMAND IN VERSES 13-14? WHAT MIGHT OBEYING THIS LOOK LIKE FOR YOU TODAY?

Our God has blessed us in so many ways that we are often blind to because of our own selfishness. We must remember that everything we have is a gift from Him. We must also remember that God is jealous—not in any kind of petty way, but jealous for our love and worship which He rightly deserves.

Memorize

Use a dry erase marker to write Deuteronomy 6:53 on a mirror somewhere you’ll see it daily. Erase a few words each day until you’ve committed it to memory.

Pray

Ask God to turn your heart toward Him and focus your affections on Him.

Day Four

DEUT. 6:20-25

Dwell



.01 WHY DO YOU THINK DEUTERONOMY CONSTANTLY POINTS US BACK TO THE WAY GOD DELIVERED ISRAEL OUT OF SLAVERY?



.02 HOW MIGHT REMINDING YOURSELF OF GOD'S WORK IN YOUR LIFE AND HIS OFFER OF SALVATION HELP YOU TO GROW IN YOUR WALK WITH HIM?

Like the Israelites, we too are susceptible to forget the many ways God has helped, provided for, and guided us. God is always at work redeeming and growing everyone who has trusted Christ as Lord and Savior. Ask Him to help you remember that He is at work and to trust Him to work in and through you to make you more like Jesus.

Memorize

Go somewhere quiet and read Deuteronomy 6:5 aloud several times. Note key words and think of an image or hand motion to help you memorize the verse.

Pray

Thank God for His presence in your life and ask Him to help you trust Him more.

Day Five

DEUT. 7:1-11

Dwell

At first glance this passage might seem harsh to you. It is important to remember that the command to destroy in verse 1 is limited to a particular time and place in history. However, there is a lesson for us with regard to how we respond to idolatry. We must not tolerate it in our hearts and when we discover it there, we must repent quickly. Our God, after all, has chosen us to be His people and to shine His love to the world through us.



.01 WHY WAS GOD SO CONCERNED THAT HIS PEOPLE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO AVOID IDOLATRY?



.02 LOOK AT VERSE 6, WHAT REASON DOES GOD GIVE THE ISRAELITES NOT TO WORSHIP IDOLS? HOW DOES THIS APPLY TO YOU?

Memorize

Check in with your friend or family member from Day 1 and continue to challenge each other to commit Deuteronomy 6:5 to memory.

Pray

Ask God to help you take seriously the sin in your heart and to make every effort to repent from it.