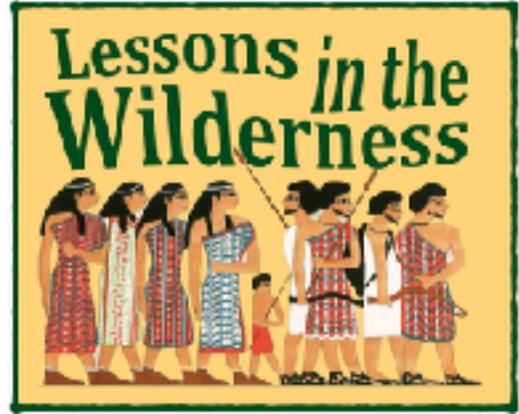


Loving God

The greatest lesson the Israelites learned in the wilderness came right before they entered the Promised Land. Moses implored them to keep the commandments of God, but he also knew they needed the right motive. The love of God is the motive for all that we do, and so we must learn to love God as they did.



Deuteronomy 6 - Loving God

1 Now this is the commandment—the statutes and the ordinances—that the Lord your God charged me to teach you to observe in the land that you are about to cross into and occupy, **2** so that you and your children and your children’s children may fear the Lord your God all the days of your life, and keep all his decrees and his commandments that I am commanding you, so that your days may be long. **3** Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe them diligently, so that it may go well with you, and so that you may multiply greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, as the Lord, the God of your ancestors, has promised you.

4 Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. **5** You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. **6** Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. **7** Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. **8** Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, **9** and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.



Jesus said, “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth.” (John 14:15-17a)

**Stages
of Love**

1. God’s love for us.
2. Our love for God.
3. Willful obedience.
4. Spiritual life - This is the goal!

APPLICATION *for personal growth:*

MINDFULNESS

Christian mindfulness is the practice of realizing the presence and intentions of God in our immediate circumstances. Take a few moments to strategize how you might be mindful of God in each area of your life.

Work

HOME

School

DRIVING

chores

etc.

Questions *for reflection or group discussion:*

How often were you mindful of God as a child?

How did you first become mindful of God?

What steps might you take to become more mindful in each area of your life?

What do you think will happen if you become more mindful?



Your Notes *what God is saying to you:*
