

A sermon trilogy on...

Deuteronomy 6:5

“God Beyond Me” “God Within Me” “God Through Me”

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“God Beyond Me”

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Deuteronomy 6:15 Hear, O Israel. The LORD our God, the LORD is one. Love the LORD your God with all your **heart** and with all your **soul** and with all your **strength**.

HEART = Understanding... **God BEYOND me**

SOUL = Fellowship... **God WITHIN me**

STRENGTH = Service... **[expressing] God
THROUGH me.**

Heart > pursuing God

Soul > trusting God

Strength > serving God

HEART

awareness

knowledge

GOD

interest

mystery

SOUL

enjoyment

worship

MYSELF

devotion

intimacy

STRENGTH

action

service

OTHERS

duty

loyalty

*engagement

*response

*focus

*description

*invitation

If I speak in the tongues of men or angels but have not LOVE, I am only a clamoring gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not LOVE, I am nothing... I gain nothing. *(1 Cor. 13:1-3)*

LOVE (toward God or man) is the fundamental response of the heart to the prior love of God (1 John 4:19). Without it, our life has neither meaning nor value.

LOVE is God's definition of NORMAL!

What could possibly be a greater goal for earthly life than pursuing and gaining knowledge of God who is our ORIGIN and DESTINY?

This great God is BEYOND us! Such a pursuit must engage our heart, be conducted with “all our heart.” This is what God describes (*Deut. 6:5*) as love!

“With all my heart”

1. **EFFORT** - *I'm really trying here!*

2. **EMOTION** - *I'm really feeling this!*

3. **PURSUIT** - *I'm really wanting this!*

Mark 12:29-30 “The most important commandment,” answered Jesus,... “Love the LORD your God with all your **heart** and with all your **soul** and with all your **mind** and with all your **strength**. The second is this; Love your neighbor as yourself.”

Human Beings... NT = soul/spirit

*Additionally... mind, will,
emotion, conscience

Jesus identified the MIND as **capable**
of **loving** God.

Loving God with HEART/MIND =
pursuing that which increases
awareness and understanding.

Motivation? ✓ **Interest** ✓ **Attraction!**

1 Cor. 13:12 Now I see in part, but then I will see face to face. Now I know in part, but then I will know fully...

John 5:42 (Jesus) “I know you.
I know that you do not have **the
love of God** in your hearts.”

Is this “love of God”:

(objective) • love from God? (His love transferred into my heart)

(subjective) • love toward God? (My love directed unto Him)

*In reality, neither exists without the other.

Love of the HEART

- engages **emotions**
- engages the **mind**
- embraces **adventure**

God is beyond us yet expects us
to seek him with all our hearts.

But will God really dwell on the earth? The heavens, even the highest heaven cannot contain you! How much less this temple I have built!

- Solomon's prayer at the dedication of his his temple.