

How Big Is God?
God's Wisdom Is Bigger Than Our Confusion

I. Introduction

- A. Deuteronomy 6:4-9 (NAS) ⁴"Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD is One!
⁵You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. ⁶These words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart. ⁷You shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up. ⁸You shall bind them as a sign on your hand and they shall be as frontals on your forehead. ⁹You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates."
1. The "Shema"
 2. "The word 'God' ought to be the first word you utter as a child, and the last breath you exhale when you die!"
- B. Deuteronomy 11:13-21 - - This passage lists the rewards of obeying what God says, and it lists the punishments that come when you disobey God.
- C. Numbers 15 - - The commandment about wearing a "prayer shawl."
1. "Teffilin" - - Little boxes with commandments written in them
 2. "God, may my hands do Your work - - not foolish things. And may my mind think Your thoughts - - not foolish thoughts."
 3. The Oral Law - - the Mishnah
 - a. How do we obey the commandments in the Scripture?
 - b. "When may the Shema be recited?"
- D. Wisdom Question: How does your day begin?
1. "He whose dead relative lies before him is exempt from reciting Shema and from wearing Tefillin."
- E. The Great Questions of Life:
1. How shall I live my life?
 2. What shall I do with my life?

3. What is the meaning of my life?
 4. How do I make wise choices?
 5. What is wisdom?
- F. Job 28:23-28 (NLT) ²³"God alone understands the way to wisdom: he knows where it can be found, ²⁴for he looks throughout the whole earth and sees everything under the heavens. ²⁵He decided how hard the winds should blow and how much rain should fall. ²⁶He made the laws for the rain and laid out a path for the lightning. ²⁷When he saw wisdom and evaluated it, He set it in place and examined it thoroughly. ²⁸And this is what he says to all humanity: "The fear of the Lord is true wisdom: to forsake evil is real understanding."
- G. Matthew 22:37-40 (NAS) ³⁷"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. ³⁸This is the great and foremost commandment. ³⁹The second is like it, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' ⁴⁰On these two commandments depend the whole Law and the Prophets."
1. "I believe in God the Father, Maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ as His only Son."
- H. Matthew 8:21-22 (NAS) ²¹Another of the disciples said to Him, "Lord, permit me first to go and bury my father." ²²But Jesus said to him, "Follow Me, and allow the dead to bury their own dead."
1. "Loving God" is now defined by following Jesus!
- I. Matthew 25:21a (NLT) "Well done, my good and faithful servant."

II. Conclusion