

SHEMA, O ISRAEL

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1 Samuel 3 (excerpts)

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord in the presence of Eli.

Then the Lord called Samuel, and he said, “Here I am!” and ran to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call; lie down again.” So he went and lay down.

Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him.

And the Lord called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, “Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, ‘Speak, Lord, for your servant hears.’”

And the Lord came and stood, calling as at other times, “Samuel! Samuel!” And Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant hears.” Then the Lord said to Samuel...

And Samuel grew, and the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground.



Mark 12:28-34

And one of the scribes came up and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, asked him, “Which commandment is the most important of all?” Jesus answered, “The most important is, ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. And you shall love the Lord your God...



Deuteronomy 6:4-5

Hear (shema), 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.

Exodus 19:5

Now if you obey (shema) me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession.

John 10:27

My sheep hear My voice, and I know then, and they follow Me.

Example of 'sheep & shepherd' contains these preconditions of the heart:

- **Source of authority**
- **Indifferent to the outcome**
- **Nets held loosely**

Luke 10:38-42

38 Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. 39 And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. 40 But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." 41 But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, 42 but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her."

No Better Place To Go When You Are Busy.

- Mary & Martha
- Martin Luther — 'I have so much to do that I shall spend the first three hours in prayer.'

No Better Place To Go When You Need Rest.

Matthew 11:28-29

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."

Isaiah 40:31

but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength;
they shall mount up with wings like eagles;
they shall run and not be weary;
they shall walk and not faint.

No Better Place to Go When You Are Feeling Guilty.

Hebrews 4:15-16:

“For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. Let us then approach God’s throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.”

Summary:

- To 'shema' by sitting at the feet of Jesus is the one thing that is necessary for the Christian life.
- Heart positioning
 - Source of authority
 - Indifference
 - Nets held loosely
- Practical barriers
 - Busyness
 - Need for a break
 - Feeling guilty



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