

THE HEART OF THE MATTER - PART 25

Part 1 - Intro

Devarim 6:1-9 “...you shall love Yahweh your Elohim with all your heart...”

Note: This is the first place we find an instruction to love Yahweh, and it's to be with all our heart.

Note: Isn't it interesting that there is no instruction recorded prior to this that expresses that we are required to love Elohim.

Devarim 10:12-21 “...serve Yahweh your Elohim with all your heart...”

“...And you shall circumcise the foreskin of your heart...”

Question: So why is it that people find doing this so difficult?

Answer: I believe that we will find that the answer has something to do with the fact that loving Yahweh with all your heart requires obedience and submission to all of Yahweh's commandments, statutes and ordinances, and the reality that our heart, the heart of man is not cooperative in this effort.

Jeremiah 17:7-10

[9] “The heart is crooked above all, and desperately sick — who shall know it?”

[10] “I, Yahweh, search the heart, I try the kidneys...”

Note: The heart, the metaphorical seat of our emotions and desires. It's these emotions and desires that lead to the actions we take, whether evil or good. If not controlled, or left unchecked, they will form a veil before your eyes and cloud your mind, which will in turn greatly effect the decisions you make.

Mattithyahu 12:34-37 “...the mouth speaks from the overflow of the heart...”

Devarim 8:1-6 “...to what is in your heart...”

In this teaching series we are going to develop a greater understanding of the heart of man, and the heart of Yahweh as we make an effort to get to the “HEART” of the matter.

Isa 1:1-28

[5] ...all the head is sick (diseased) and all the heart faints (is troubled).

[25] ...and shall refine your dross as with lye, and remove all your alloy (as by smelting)

Isa 6:8-10

[10] ...Make the heart of this people fat (oily, gross)...

Make an analogy using food that fattens us...sweets, stuff that seems good and is extremely tempting to eat all the time, yet if we do it can damage our hearts literally, leading to death.