

7 Verses to Write on the Doorposts of Your Home

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Introduction

- i. Deuteronomy 6:1, 8-9
 - a. The phylacteries
 - 1) On forehead – a box, one compartment containing Exodus 13:1-10; 10:11-16; Deuteronomy 6:4-9; 11:13-21
 - 2) On wrist – a box, four compartments, one for each of the preceding verses
 - b. The mezuzah – a small box, resembling a door bell with the same four passages as in the phylacteries
- ii. The idea: be God-saturated (cf. Prov. 3:3; 6:21; 7:3)
- iii. From the challenge God gave Israel, we can learn seven things He deems important for our homes.

1. Deuteronomy 6:1 – Obey God!

- a. Homes in the Old Testament (Deut. 6:1; cf. Lev. 18:4)
 - (1) *The commandment* – Moses commanded them to teach obedience.
 - (2) *The Statutes* [lit. “engravings”] and *judgments* [i.e. “rules,” Ten Commandments (Ex. 34:28)].
- b. Homes Today – Obey (cf. Mark 1:27 + 4:21) God (Matt. 4:4; Acts 5:29; Heb. 5:8-9).

2. Deuteronomy 6:2 – Respect God!

- a. Homes in the Old Testament (Deut. 6:2; cf. Psa. 2:11)
 - (1) *Fear* – the idea is that of respect (Ecc. 12:13).
 - (2) *Keep* (cf. Gen. 17:1 + Psa. 100:1-3) – Phylacteries’ *shin, daleth* and *yod* = *Shaddai*, “Almighty.”
- b. Homes Today – Respect God [still *El Shaddai* (Rev. 4:8; 15:3-4)] (Acts 10:35; 2 Cor. 7:1; Phil. 2:12).

3. Deuteronomy 6:3 – Trust God!

- a. Homes in the Old Testament (Deut. 6:3; cf. Prov. 3:5)
 - (1) *That it may be well with you...that you may multiply* – Note the dual purpose.
 - (2) *The LORD God of your fathers has promised* [lit., “has spoken,” verb is intensive] (Psa. 36:7; 62:8).
- b. Homes Today – Trust God (John 14:1; 1 Tim. 4:10; Heb. 13:5).

4. Deuteronomy 6:4 – Believe God!

- a. Homes in the Old Testament (Deut. 6:4; cf. Zech. 14:9)
 - (1) *Hear* – Known as the *Shama*, spoken twice a day at morning and evening prayers.
 - (2) *LORD is one* [lit., “LORD is alone,” in contrast to Canaanite pantheon] (Isa. 45:5-7).
- b. Homes Today – Believe God (Mark 11:22; Heb. 11:6; cf. 1 Cor. 8:4, 6).

5. Deuteronomy 6:5 – Love God!

- a. Homes in the Old Testament (Deut. 6:5; cf. Psa. 31:23)
 - (1) *Love* – Jesus describes this command as the “greatest” (Matt. 22:35-38) and “first” (Mark 12:29-30).
 - (2) *Heart...soul...strength* – Just as God is one, every part of us is to be fused into one feeling: love.
- b. Homes Today – Love God (Matt. 22:37; 1 Cor. 8:3; 1 John 5:3).

6. Deuteronomy 6:6 – Ingest God!

- a. Homes in the Old Testament (Deut. 6:6; cf. Psa. 23)
 - (1) *These words* – the specific words and ways of this context.
 - (2) *Your heart* – Note: *you/your* found 67 times or *your God/our God* found 79 times in the chapter. We are His; He is ours!
- b. Homes Today – Ingest God (Eph. 3:19; 5:18; Phil. 1:11).

7. Deuteronomy 6:7 – Discuss God!

- a. Homes in the Old Testament (Deut. 6:7; Psa. 34:11)
 - (1) *Teach them diligently* – Hebrew root used was one for “sharpening weapons.”
 - (2) *Talk of them when...when...when* – Word of God is like a “whet stone,” sharpening the soul.
- b. Homes Today – Discuss God (Mark 16:15; 1 Cor. 9:16; 2 Tim. 4:2).

Conclusion

- i. Idea is that of saturation. Illustrate with a sponge.
 - a. When a sponge is full of water, what happens when you drag it across a counter?

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- b. What happens when you squeeze?
- ii. Said the grandson to his granddaddy, "Papa, can you see God?" Said the granddaddy in response, "Son, the older I get, He is about all I do see."
- iii. Colossians 3:1-4 – NOTE: Jesus is not to be first in our lives?
 - a. God is never satisfied with "first."
 - b. His kingdom and His righteousness are to be "first."
 - c. But, God himself is not to be first in our lives; HE IS TO BE OUR LIVES.
 - d. He is the reason for our entire existence.