

# Deuteronomy 6

**DEDICATION**

**THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT**

# DEUTERONOMY 6

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**37** “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ **38** This is the first and greatest commandment. **39** And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ **40** All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”

**Matthew 22:37–40**



1

LISTEN

(SHEMA)

Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.

Deuteronomy 6:4



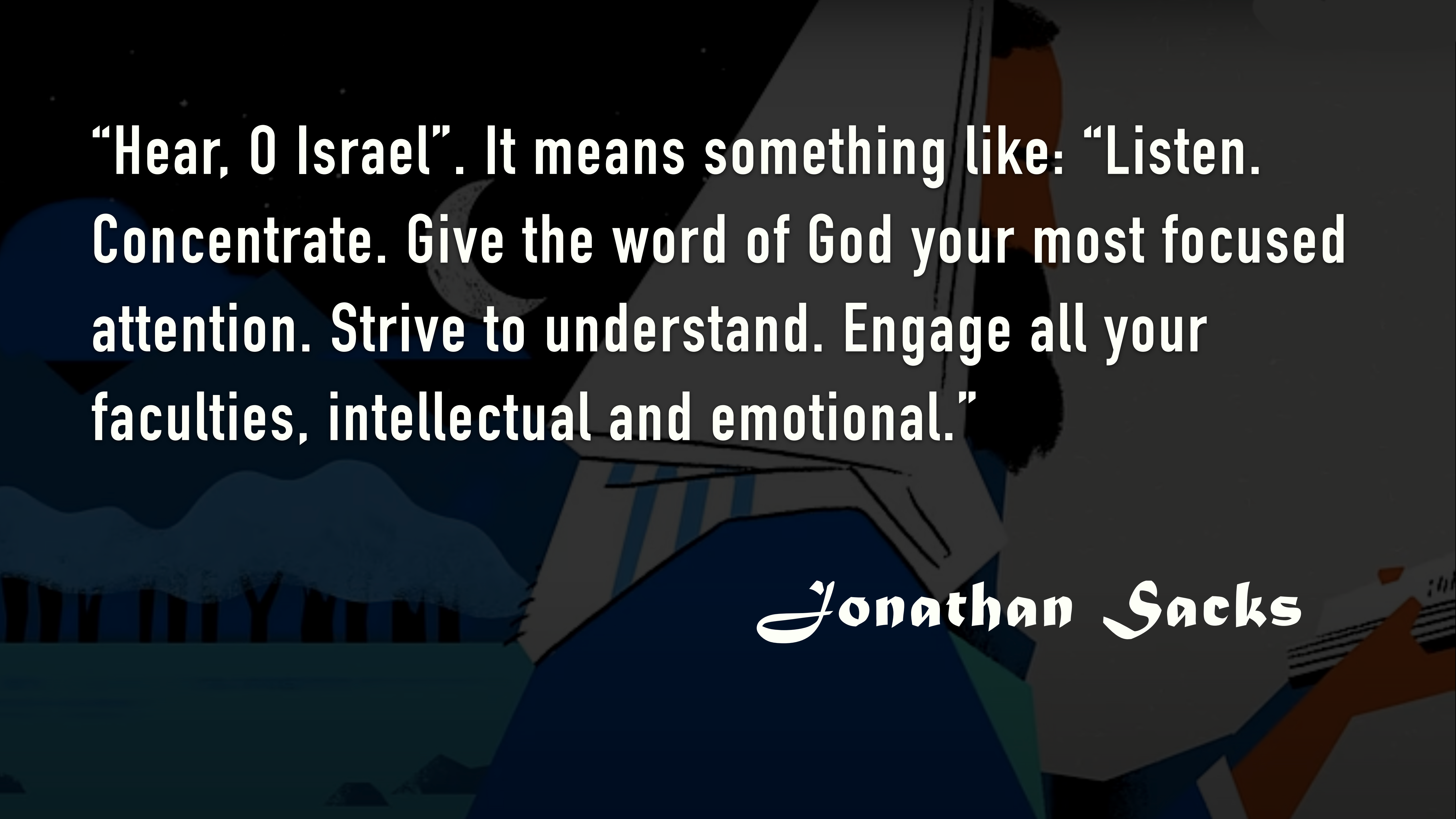
**13** If you faithfully obey (Shema) the commands I am giving you today—to love the Lord your God and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul.

**15** I will provide grass in the fields for your cattle, and you will eat and be satisfied.

**Deuteronomy 11:13,15**







**“Hear, O Israel”. It means something like: “Listen. Concentrate. Give the word of God your most focused attention. Strive to understand. Engage all your faculties, intellectual and emotional.”**

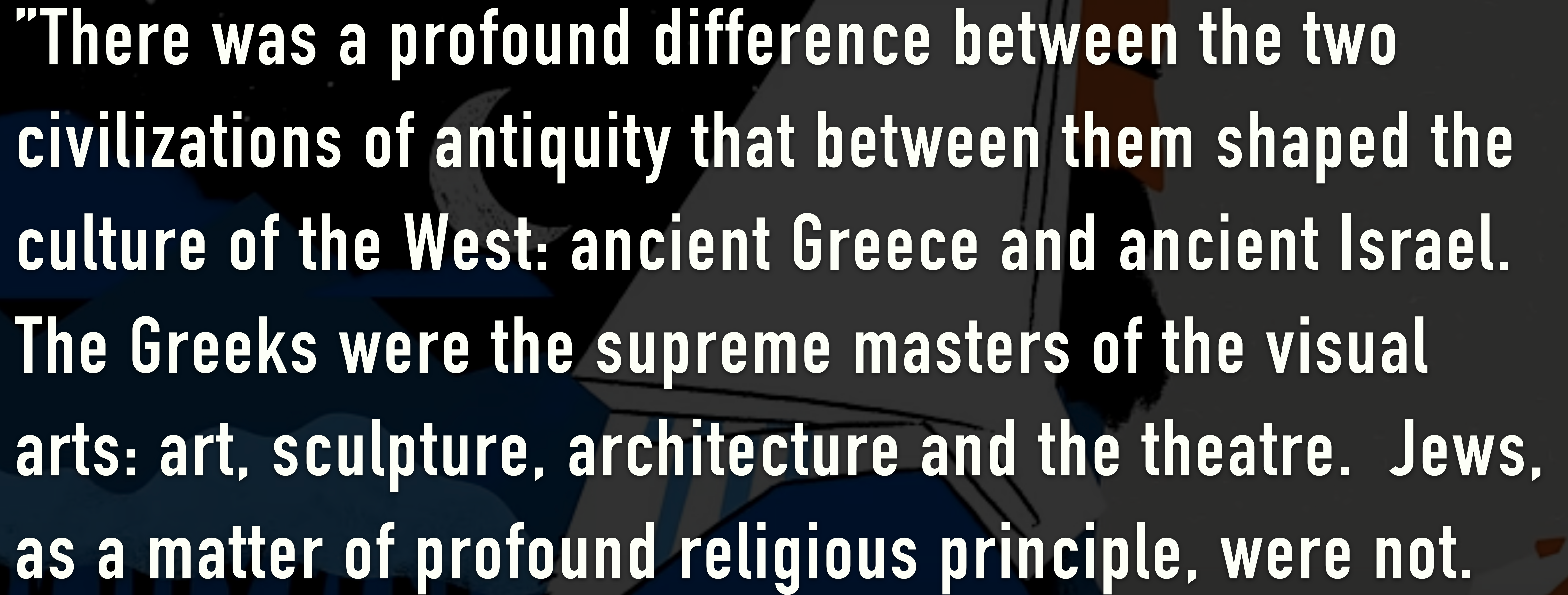
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**22** Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.<sup>23</sup> Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror<sup>24</sup> and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like.

**James 1:22-24**





**”There was a profound difference between the two civilizations of antiquity that between them shaped the culture of the West: ancient Greece and ancient Israel. The Greeks were the supreme masters of the visual arts: art, sculpture, architecture and the theatre. Jews, as a matter of profound religious principle, were not.**

God, the sole object of worship, is invisible. He transcends nature. He created the universe and is therefore beyond the universe... Therefore the supreme religious act in Judaism is to listen.

Ancient Greece was a culture of the eye; ancient Israel a culture of the ear. The Greeks worshipped what they saw; Israel worshipped what they heard.”

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2 LOVE

**Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with  
all your soul and with all your strength.**

**Deuteronomy 6:5**



Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.

John 14:23

**7** The Lord did not set his affection on you and choose you because you were more numerous than other peoples, for you were the fewest of all peoples. **8** But it was because the Lord loved you and kept the oath he swore to your ancestors that he brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the land of slavery, from the power of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

**9 Know therefore that the Lord your God is God; he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commandments.**

**Deuteronomy 7:7-9**



3

THE LORD  
ALONE



**13** Fear the Lord your God, serve him only and take your oaths in his name. **14** Do not follow other gods, the gods of the peoples around you.

**Deuteronomy 6:13-14**



A stylized illustration of a man with a beard, wearing a blue robe, looking down at a scroll he is holding. The background is a dark night sky with a crescent moon and stars. The scene is set in a landscape with rolling hills and a forest of trees. The overall style is flat and graphic.

**Be careful, or you will be enticed to turn away and worship other gods and bow down to them.**

**Deuteronomy 11:16**





**Be careful that you do not forget the Lord, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.**

**Deuteronomy 6:12**

