

"THE SHEMA: LOVING GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART"

1. Have you ever had surgery or been in a situation where you had to trust your well-being completely to someone else? How did it feel?

2. How does the power of listening impact our lives and our relationship with God? Can you think of examples where what you hear or listen to has influenced your beliefs or actions?

3. What does the Hebrew word for "heart" (lev/levav) encompass that our English word does not? What verses might be better understood in light of this?

4. In the story of David preparing to pass the kingdom to Solomon, what instructions does David give to Solomon, and why are they significant?

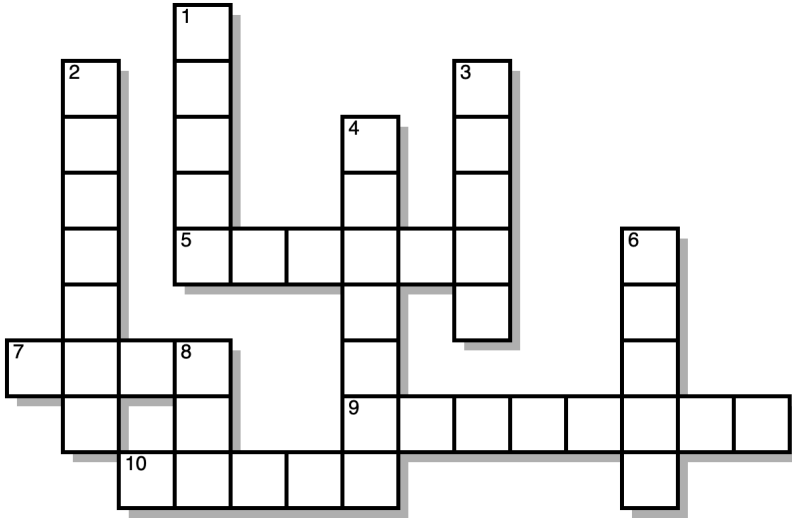
5. How does David's emphasis on walking before God with all one's heart and soul reflect the importance of obedience and devotion in the life of a believer?

6. What can we learn from the example of Hezekiah's actions in 2 Kings 18:1-6, specifically regarding the bronze serpent, idolatry, and faithfulness to God?

7. How has the concept of freedom in modern society shifted from being "one nation under God" to one centered on personal autonomy? What impact has this had on our culture and values?

8. In your understanding, what role should the Church play in promoting a return to God, repentance, and spiritual renewal in society?

9. In what ways do we need to turn back to God in our personal lives and as a society to experience healing and restoration, as mentioned in 2 Chronicles 7:12-14?



Across

- 5 "If your sons keep their way, to walk before Me in truth with all their heart and with all their soul, He said, you shall not have a man cut off from the _____ of Israel." (1 Kings 2:4b)
- 7 David instructed Solomon to walk before God with all his heart and _____. (2 Kings 2:4)
- 9 This king of Judah is known for breaking the bronze serpent?
- 10 The Hebrew word "lev" or "levav" means this.

Down

- 1 "And the people spoke against God and against Moses, 'Why have you brought us up out of _____ to die in the wilderness?'" (Numbers 21:5a)
- 2 Israel's wisest king.
- 3 This prophet of God was responsible for the making of the bronze serpent.
- 4 "we take captive every _____ to make it obedient to Christ" (2 Corinthians 10:5)
- 6 Israel's greatest king.
- 8 In the first chapter of Romans, Paul says people exchanged the truth of God for the _____.

WORD SEARCH:

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| Listening | Curses |
| Commandment | Freedom |
| Heart | Self |
| Love | Murmurs |
| Alone | Wilderness |
| Shema | Temple |
| David | Healing |
| Solomon | Restoration |
| Moses | Repentance |
| Blessing | Spirit |

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