

The Shema in our own words

I hear His words call all of me,
In every place, in all I do,
All I think, and all I say,
All the time, with all my heart,
All my family, all our love,
It's all for Him, it's all for One.

Take notice people
God, who is One,
Alone
Worthy of unending love
Demonstrated by full devotion of
mind, soul, strength
To His glory

O, LORD
I read Your word and hear Your voice saying You are One
I will love You with all of me, with everything that is within me
I will talk about You everywhere, in every place, all the time
For You are the LORD God.

Israel, our God is the one and only God! Out of a love for Him that flows out of your whole being, you are to listen to and obey Him in everything He commands of you. His words shall be front and center in your life and you shall diligently and faithfully pass those words on to your children.

The Shema to me says that we are to love the Lord our God with our whole being: our heart, soul, strength, and mind. This love will produce a life of obedience, service, and a reflection of Jesus.

Listen and obey these words from the Lord, our one true God. Love Him with all that you are and be obedient to His laws. Meditate on them and teach them to your family. Make them part of your daily lives.

Undivided triune God
demands undivided me.
Soul, mind, strength, and all my heart,
no rival paid with cunning art--
one allegiance all can see.

Not a household god to use
for a comfort free from strife.
The God of heaven and earth requires
my family line with their desires.
My daily life with all aspires
to teach them His way of life.

Other things will crowd my mind,
enticing my heart to drift.
Write them down and don't forget--
keep them before my eyes and set
reminders of God's words to let
their truth my soul to lift.

Listen! The Lord is One, and we should love Him with everything we have. We must take the following words seriously, and may they ever be close to the surface of our lives: intentionally teach the Lord's ways and commandments to our children, talking about them throughout the day. At home, speak of Him, away from home, speak of Him. Before getting into bed and before getting out of bed, speak about the Lord. His ways and statutes should never be an afterthought, but a constant presence in our lives, obvious to all. As people enter our homes, and our lives, people should notice the presence and power of the Lord of Israel.

With all of my life I will purpose to reflect a life that brings glory and honor to my Savior, the Lord Jesus, with a desire that all my attitudes, thoughts, words, and actions will please the Lord God, as I daily trust, love and serve Him with all my heart, while walking with and enjoying Him (forever), in a spirit of gratitude.

LISTEN CLOSELY, People of Israel--
The LORD is our GOD, the LORD alone.
You must LOVE the LORD your GOD with ALL your heart, all your soul. and all your strength.
And you must commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these commands I am giving you today.
Repeat these again and again to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are in the world, when you are lying down, and when you are getting up again. Write them down and tie them to your hands as a reminder. Tie them on your forehead to remind you and write them on the doors and gates of your homes.