

## ***Sermon Series: Living Successfully for God***

10/5/25 “He Does Not Change,” Deut. 5:1-6, 22-33, MEV

**INTRODUCTION** In your opinion, can love protect us from terrible things?

**Heart (29):** *inner man, soul*, comprehending mind, affections, will (*Brown-Driver-Briggs*)

**Mark 12:29-30, MEV: 29** “The first of all the commandments is, ‘Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is one Lord. **30** You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength. This is the first commandment.

**MAIN IDEA: We must keep our hearts committed to God.**  
How? Here are two things to do.

### **I. First, fear the Lord (29)**

**Fear: yare** = in some contexts fear relates to terror & fright, in others it relates to honor, respect & awe (*Kohlenberger-Mounce*)

“The remarkable thing about fearing God is that when you fear God you fear nothing else, whereas if you do not fear God, you fear everything else.” —*Oswald Chambers*

- A. a great sense of His holiness & our sinfulness (24-25)
- B. being in awe of His holiness, power, Presence
  - 1. having ALL RESPECT for Him
  - 2. desiring to honor Him in all ways
- C. understanding fully He **is God** (24 *glory greatness voice*)
  - 1. unlike us...*not a man, unimaginable presence*
  - 2. greater than us...*holy, terrifying power*
  - 3. beyond our understanding...*omni-*
  - 4. causing us to thank & adore Him

A. W. Tozer said, “The essence of idolatry is the entertainment of thoughts about God that are unworthy of Him.” If that’s true, and I believe it is, then many evangelical Christians are guilty of idol worship. —*Warren Wiersbe*

### **ILLUSTRATION:**

**TRANSITION:** Because we are in awe of Him, we desire to please Him and to obey Him.

### **II. Second, *live* by His word (32)**

**Be careful** (also **keep** in vs. 29): *shamar* = to hedge about with thorns, guard, protect; to maintain or observe

to **Do: asah** = conveys the central notion of performing an activity with a distinct purpose, moral obligation, goal in view

- A. possess it (1)...*becoming a part of us, directing our lives*
  - 1. “hear” it...*changing us*

**Hear: shama** = intellectually & spiritually; to agree with its intention; to obey

- 2. learn it...*understand, remember, practice*

**Learn: lamad** = exercise in; we learn by practicing & “owning”; having it in our “bones”

- 3. keep and do it...*apply, live by*

**Keep: shamar** = guard ourselves by doing

- B. stay true to it (God’s road)...*not turning to right or left*

**Deut. 2:27**...keep to road in territory of Sihon, king of Heshbon

- 1. adhering to it...*obeying Him, following His heart*
- 2. not being influenced by the world or false teaching

- C. That it might be well with us & our children (33)

**Well:** to make one’s course line up with what is pleasing to God

- 1. we live in a way that pleases God
- 2. we receive blessings (His presence *now*, our inheritance *later*)

### **ILLUSTRATION:**

**CONCLUSION:** God’s word is life to every generation. Every generation must hear it. Will you *hear* it? But hearing it is not enough. We must *fear* Him & *live by* His word.

**ALTAR:** Those willing to live by His word—“hear,” learn, do His word? Do you wish to taste God’s Presence? Come forward.