



"I Choose to Worship"
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Six Decisions that Will Change Your Life

Decision #1:

I choose to worship God in community with other believers

Moses: *Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. Love the LORD with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.*

Deuteronomy 6:4-5 (NIV)

Jesus: *One of the teachers of the law came and ... asked him, "Of all the commandments, which is the most important?" "The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.'"*

Mark 12:28-30 (NIV)

Our Jewish friends call Deuteronomy 6:4-5:
"Shema Yisrael"

Shema = _____

Yisrael = _____

LORD is the personal name of God, and means
Yahweh (Hebrew) or Jehovah (Greek)

Yahweh means _____

God was saying to Moses: I am life itself. I am the source of all life.

How are we to live in response to this?

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Why did Jesus say this was the most important commandment?

- Jesus knew this is the foundation of the faith
- As a faithful Jew, He said those words every day when He awoke, entered, or exited a home, and when He went to sleep.

Two statements in the Shema Yisrael

1. There _____ and God is the source of all that exists.

Why I believe in God:

- Because of the beauty, majesty, and order of creation
- Because of the witness of other people

2. God is worthy of our _____.

It is simply not enough to “believe”

Are there still some among you who hold that “only believing” is enough? Believing in one God? Well, remember that the demons believe this too—so strongly that they tremble in terror!

James 2:19 (LB)

Sources: Worship and the lives we live, Unknown author. The Greatest Commandment, Adam Hamilton

ANSWER KEY:

Shema = **TO HEAR**

Yisrael = **ISREAL**

Yahweh means **I AM WHO I AM**

1. There **IS A GOD** and God is the source of all that exists.
2. God is worthy of our **WORSHIP AND LOVE**.