

Holy Trinity Sunday

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Moses taught the people that their God was the only true God and that He was one God. At this time in their history many Israelites still believed, as did the pagans around them, that there were many gods, and that the gods which a nation worshipped would protect it from the nations of other gods. Israel worshipped the true God, but in the years after Moses they would “chase after”, as the prophets put it, other gods that they believed could provide victory or crops better than the only God. So this teaching of Moses was very important to the nation.

The Israelites couldn’t comprehend the concept of the triune nature of God, but Moses’ choice of words when writing the story may indicate that God had revealed some of His nature to the leader. The word used for God in Hebrew was plural, but the word for one, of course, was singular. So Moses’ words might be translated that there is “one Gods,” which obviously makes no sense at all.

Today the Scriptures are complete and we can celebrate that our God is three Persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, but one God. Jesus referred to the Trinity by name, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (Matt. 28:19). We know that the Trinity is, but we can’t explain it much better than Moses.



Instead of striving to explain our Triune God, perhaps it is wiser to follow Moses’ words concerning our relationship with Him. Moses said to “...love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.” Jesus reaffirmed this as the greatest of the commandments. Moses also taught the importance of keeping God’s word in our hearts and minds. God’s Word teaches us how to know God better; how we learn what it is to follow Jesus; how we understand the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

Moses said that we are to teach the word to our children and that there is no time in our lives that we are to be without thought of God. (vs.7) As we go through every day, we are to know our God better, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, through fellowship with Him and meditation on His word. An impossible task on our own! But, as God’s word says, with Him anything is possible.

Bible study helps us grow up in Christ!

A message from your Iowa District West Education Committee

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1. What is the setting of the Book of Deuteronomy? What is the context of Moses’ message? (Skim the early chapters, especially 1:6-8; 2:14-19; 4:1-2)
2. Today we celebrate the three Persons of the Trinity. According to 6:4 how many God’s are there?
3. Why was the confession of ONE God especially important to the Israelites as they entered the promised land?
4. In Chapter 5 (vs. 6-21) the commandments are reviewed. How are the commandments summarized in vs. 5?
5. In what context are children especially to learn about their God according to vs. 7-9?
6. Today is also a family celebration day—Father’s Day. Is the Triune God celebrated in your family? How is the story of God’s grace “tied on your hands and bound on your forehead” or “written on the door-frames of your home?”

