



For Further Study

Read and meditate on the passage below:

5 Moses summoned all Israel and said:

Hear, Israel, the decrees and laws I declare in your hearing today. Learn them and be sure to follow them. 2 The Lord our God made a covenant with us at Horeb. 3 It was not with our ancestors that the Lord made this covenant, but with us, with all of us who are alive here today. 4 The Lord spoke to you face to face out of the fire on the mountain. 5 (At that time I stood between the Lord and you to declare to you the word of the Lord, because you were afraid of the fire and did not go up the mountain.) And he said:

6 “I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. (Deuteronomy 5:1-6)

This passage is from Deuteronomy (meaning “second law”) that concludes the Torah. In chapter 5, Moses reiterates the Ten Commandments (also found in Exodus 20). Summoning the people to remember what was commanded to their parent’s generation, Moses reminds them that the covenant applies to them too. They (like us) are to live in relationship with their God.

The opening phrase of verse 6 uses two names for God: Yahweh (the personal name of God given to Moses at the burning bush, which is in the same vicinity of the setting of the above passage), and Elohim (translated God). Of all the Elohim, the Hebrew people chose Yahweh to be their God. He is the one who brought them out of slavery in Egypt.

Is Yahweh your God? What has he done for you? Give thought to how the LORD has delivered you, praise him for it, share it with someone this week, and look for ways to support others who need deliverance.

PRACTICE:
Consider and celebrate
how God is your
deliverer!

