



Nehemiah 13 – Leaving a legacy

Nicodemus

Came to see Jesus by night

“How do I enter the Kingdom?”

The Shema

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 strength.*

The Shema

These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates. (Dt 6)

Hebrew

The Law - the first 5 books of our Old Testament.

Worship in Temple and Synagogue, even today

Reading the Law

They read from the Book of the Law of God, making it clear and giving the meaning so that the people could understand what was being read. Then Nehemiah the governor, Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who were instructing the people said to them all, "This day is sacred to the LORD your God. Do not mourn or weep." For all the people had been weeping as they listened to the words of the Law. (Neh 8)

The great commandments

'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.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these. (John 3)

The great commission

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (Matt 28)

Leaving a legacy

Live a distinctive, authentic Christian life, with the great commandments and commission woven into its very fabric.