



Questions:

1. What stood out for you from Deuteronomy 6: 4-13?
2. Rumi writes of deep and sincere love. How does that love operate in your life? How does it figure into your relationship with God?
3. How might going deeper into your own particular spiritual practice help you more fully experience the universal nature of God?
4. What meaning do you find in *Like This*, translated from Rumi's *Divan* by Fatemah Keshavarz?

EPISODE TITLE: "The Lord Alone?"

The Faith of Jesus in a Pluralistic World, Episode 3

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Pneuma Divina Scripture: Deuteronomy 6: 4-13

4 Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. ⁵You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. ⁶Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. ⁷Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. ⁸Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, ⁹and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

10 When the Lord your God has brought you into the land that he swore to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give you—a land with fine, large cities that you did not build, ¹¹houses filled with all sorts of goods that you did not fill, hewn cisterns that you did not hew, vineyards and olive groves that you did not plant—and when you have eaten your fill, ¹²take care that you do not forget the Lord, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. ¹³The Lord your God you shall fear; him you shall serve, and by his name alone you shall swear.

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