Outline #4  To love the LORD your God

1. To love the LORD our God
   a) Deuteronomy 6:4 What truths are contained in the Shema?
   b) Why is Deuteronomy 6:5 also important in the context of the Shema?
   c) What is the significance of the fact that the possessive adjective “your” always appears in the singular?
   d) What does it mean to love the LORD your God with all your heart, soul, and might?

2. To fear the LORD our God
   a) Deuteronomy 6:2, 10:12 What does it mean to fear the LORD?
   b) What can we learn about the expression “fear the LORD” from the Psalmist David? Psalm 2:11, 19:9a, 34:8-9
   c) What insight did David’s son Solomon provide about what it means to fear the LORD? Proverbs 9:10
   d) Why is the appeal to “fear God” included in the last warning message to the world? Revelation 14:6-7
   e) Can the expression “fear of the LORD” also mean to be afraid? Support your answer from Scripture.
   f) Why are some afraid of God while others draw near to God with loving reverence?

3. To obey the LORD our God, motivated by love
   a) Deuteronomy 11:1 What comes first, loving God or obedience that is pleasing to the LORD? Why?
   b) What teaching of Jesus reinforces the idea that love for God comes first, followed by loving obedience? John 14:15
   c) How does the apostle John support this idea that our love for God is demonstrated by our loving obedience to His commandments? 1 John 5:3
   d) When is compliance with God’s commandments totally unacceptable to Him? Matthew 15:8, Luke 18:10-14

4. The first and greatest commandment
   a) How did Jesus regard the instruction recorded by the prophet Moses in Deuteronomy 6:5? Matthew 22:34-38
   b) What motivates us to love the LORD our God with all our heart, soul, and might? Deuteronomy 4:37, 7:7-8, 33:3, 1 John 4:9-10,19 (other texts?)
   c) How does the first and great commandment relate to the Ten Commandments given by God on Mount Sinai?
   d) Share a time when God’s immeasurable love for you compelled you to love Him with all your heart.