

III. We are able to walk in God's ways:

כי המצוה הזאת אשר אנכי מצוה היום לא-נפלאה היא
ממך ולא-רחקה הוא: לא בשמים הוא לאמר מי יעלה-לנו
השמימה ויקחה לנו וישמענו אותה ונעשנה: ולא-מעבר לים
הוא לאמר מי יעבר-לנו אל-עבר הים ויקחה לנו וישמענו
אותה ונעשנה: כי-קרוב אליך הדבר מאד בפיך ובלבבך
לעשתו:

For this commandment that I command you today is not too wondrous for you, nor is it distant. It is not in the heavens, that you might say, "Who will go up to heaven for us and get it for us and tell it to us and we will do it?" And it is not across the sea, that you might say, "Who will cross the sea for us, and get it for us, and tell it to us, and we will do it?" Rather, the matter is very near to you, in your mouth and in your heart, to do it.

(Deuteronomy 30:11-14)

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72/73 in the evening or
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Alternatives for second paragraph of the Shma:

Choose one or more of the following:

I. A Sign of Love Stronger than Death

שימני כחותם על-לבבך פחותם על-זרועך פי-עזה כמות
אהבה קשה כשואל קנאה רשפיה רשפי אש שלהבתיה:
מים רבים לא יוכלו לכבות את-האהבה ונהרות לא ישטפוה
אם-יתן איש את-כל-הון ביתו באהבה בוז יבזו לו:

Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arms, for love is strong as death, passion is tough as Sheol, its flashes are flashes of God's flame. Great waters cannot extinguish love, and rivers cannot wash it out. Even were one to give all one's household wealth to buy love, people would find it contemptible.

(Song of Songs 8:6-7)

II. We are obligated to walk in God's ways:

היום הזה יי(אדני) אלהיך מצוה לעשות את-החקים האלה
ואת-המשפטים ושמרת ועשית אותם בכל-לבבך ובכל-
נפשך: את יי(אדני) האמרת היום להיות לך לאלהים וללכת
בדרכיו ולשמר חקיו ומצותיו ומשפטיו ולשמע בקלו:

This very day, the Eternal, your God, commands you to fulfill these customs and this justice, and make sure to do them with all your heart and with all your being. Today, you have avowed the ETERNAL to be your God, that you might walk in God's ways, and observe God's customs and obligations and justice, and hear God's voice.

(Deuteronomy 26:16-17)

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אמן This word is true and enduring, right, good, and beautiful
for every generation of our people.

Truth: You are our Source, our God,
and God of our ancestors;
our Sovereign, our ancestors' Sovereign;
our Redeemer, our ancestors' Redeemer;
our Sculptor, the Rock of our salvation;
there is no God but You.

You are the helping companion of our fathers and mothers
and of their children in every generation.

You dwell in the heights of the universe,
yet Your justice is with the lowest of the earth.

Truth: You are the beginning and You are the end,
and without You we have no salvation.

You redeemed us from Egypt
and rescued us from a servant's quarters.

You hewed the Sea of Reeds
and brought loving friends through.

Therefore, the beloved sang praises and extolled God
Friends sang thanks to the living, enduring,
liberating God:

The One toppling the haughty and raising the low,
releasing the imprisoned, rescuing the humble, helping the poor
and responding to Your people when they cry out.

Moses and Miriam and the Children of Israel
responded to You with song.
With great joy, they all said:

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vegoralenu lehamlih malhuto

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old siddurim for example)]