

# The *Shema* (Deut 6:4-5) in the New Testament

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**Tefillin**, 6:8 thou shalt bind them ... upon thine hand ... between thine eyes



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**Mezuzah**, 6:9 thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house



<http://www.beingjewish.com/images/mez1.jpg>

# Heart → Psychology

## Emotion:

1Sa 2:1 And Hannah prayed, and said, **My heart rejoiceth** in the LORD,  
Neh 2:2 Wherefore the king said unto me, *Why is thy countenance sad,*  
seeing thou *art* not sick? this *is* nothing *else* but **sorrow of heart**.

## Intellect:

Gen 6:5 and *that* every imagination of **the thoughts of his heart** was only evil continually.

2Ch 9:23 And all the kings of the earth sought the presence of Solomon, **to hear his wisdom, that God had put in his heart**.

Isa 44:20 He feedeth on ashes: a **deceived heart** hath turned him aside,

## Will:

Jdg 9:3 And his mother's brethren spake of him in the ears of all the men of Shechem all these words: and their **hearts inclined to follow** Abimelech; for they said, He *is* our brother.

## Pride:

Psa 101:5 him that hath an high look and a **proud heart** will not I suffer.

Pro 16:5 Every one that is **proud in heart** is an abomination to the LORD: though hand join in hand, he shall not be unpunished.

Pro 21:4 An high look, and a **proud heart**, and the plowing of the wicked, is sin.

# Soul → Physiology

Gen 2:7 And the LORD God formed man *of* the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a **living soul**.

Gen 9:4 But flesh with the **life** thereof, which is the blood thereof, shall ye not eat. 5 And surely your blood of your **lives** will I require; at the hand of every beast will I require it, and at the hand of man; at the hand of every man's brother will I require the **life** of man.

## “Might”?

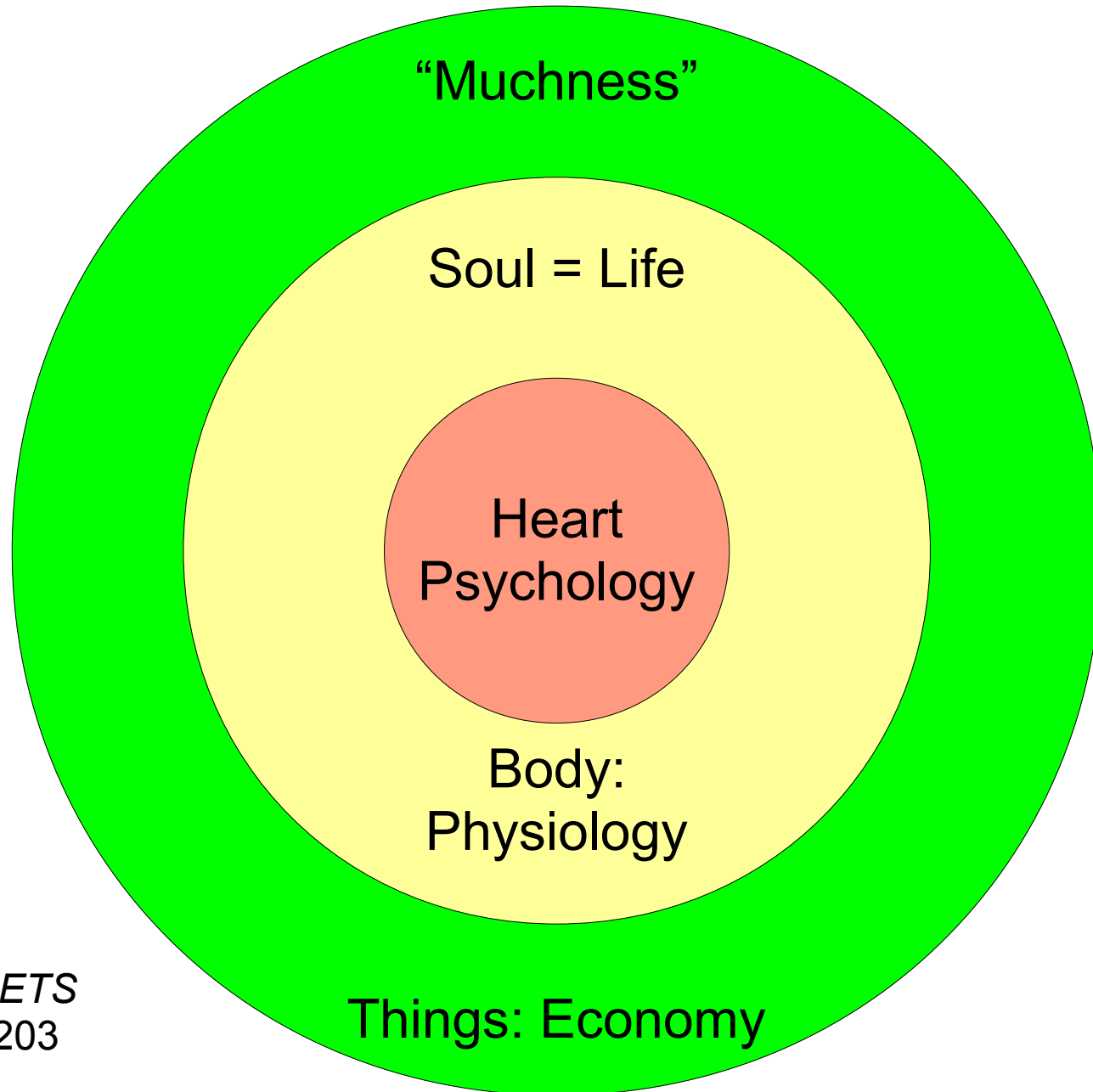
Not the usual Hebrew word for might (חיל)

This word (מאד) is elsewhere an adverb, “very,” “much”

Nonbiblical Hebrew and Rabbinic sources suggest “property,” “wealth”

→ “Muchness,” Economics

# The Three Channels of Love



cf. D.I. Block, *JETS*  
47:2 (2004) p. 203

# NT Citations and Allusions

Mat 22:35 Then one of them, *which was* a lawyer, asked *him a question*, tempting him, and saying, 36 Master, which *is* the great commandment in the law? 37 Jesus said unto him, **Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.** 38 This is the first and great commandment. 39 And the second *is* like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. 40 On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Luk 10:25 And, behold, a certain lawyer stood up, and tempted him, saying, Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life? 26 He said unto him, What is written in the law? how readest thou? 27 And he answering said, **Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind;** and thy neighbour as thyself. 28 And he said unto him, Thou hast answered right: **this do, and thou shalt live.**

1Co 8:1 Now as touching things offered unto idols, we know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge puffeth up, but charity edifieth. 2 And if any man think that he knoweth any thing, he knoweth nothing yet as he ought to know. 3 **But if any man love God,** the same is known of him. 4 As concerning therefore the eating of those things that are offered in sacrifice unto idols, we know that an idol *is* nothing in the world, and that *there is* none other God but one. 5 For though there be that are called gods, whether in heaven or in earth, (as there be gods many, and lords many,) 6 **But to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him.**

# Our Lord's Spirit-Powered Self-Dominion

1 Jn 2:15-16	Gen 3:4-6	Matt 3-4	Deut 6:5
16 For all that is in the <b>world</b> ,	4 And the <b>Serpent</b> said ... 6 And when the woman saw	4:1 Then was Jesus led up of the <b>Spirit</b> into the wilderness to be tempted of the <b>devil</b> .	5 And thou shalt love the <b>LORD thy God</b>
the lust of the <b>flesh</b> ,	that the tree was good for <b>food</b>	2 And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an <b>hungred</b> .	b) and with all thy <b>soul</b>
and the lust of the <b>eyes</b> ,	and that it was pleasant to the <b>eyes</b>	8 ... <b>sheweth</b> him all the kingdoms of the world, ... 9 And saith unto him, All these things will I <b>give</b> thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me.	c) and with all thy might ( <b>abundance</b> )
and the <b>pride</b> of life,	and a tree to be desired to make one <b>wise</b>	6 And saith unto him, <b>If thou be the Son of God</b> , cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: ...	a) with all thine <b>heart</b>

# The Parable of the Sower and the *Shema*

Deu 6:4 Hear [Heb. *shema*], O Israel:  
The LORD our God *is* one LORD:  
5 And thou shalt love the LORD thy God  
with all thine heart,  
and with all thy soul,  
and with all thy might.



# The Parable of the Sower

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Location	Beside the road	Stony places	Among thorns	Good ground
Threat	Birds	Sun	Thorns	(none)
Growth	(none)	Withered	Choked	Bear fruit

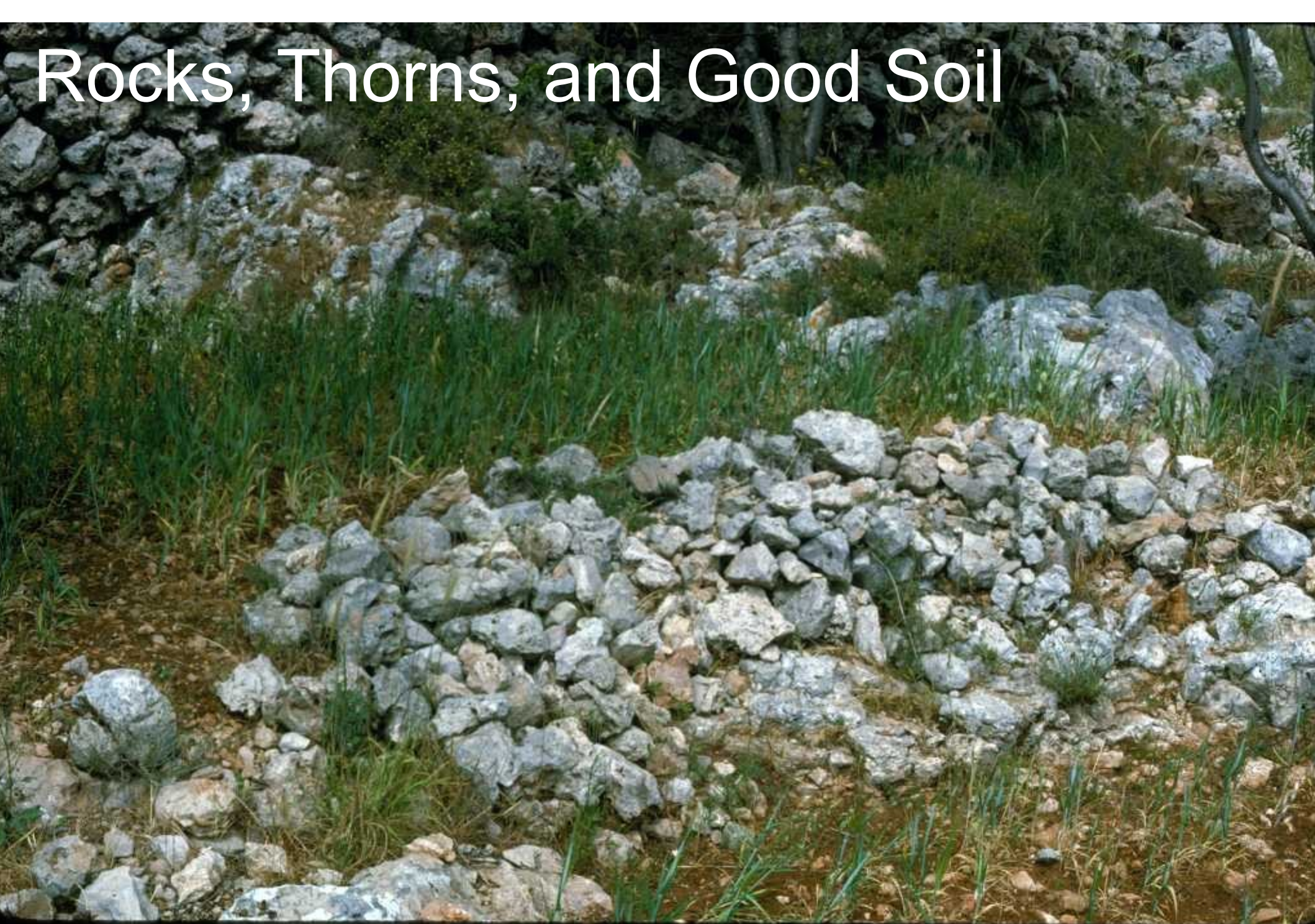
# Paths and Stony Places



# Thorns



# Rocks, Thorns, and Good Soil



# Hearing in the Parable of the Sower

Mat 13:8 ... But other fell into good ground, and brought forth fruit, some an hundredfold, some sixtyfold, some thirtyfold. 9 Who hath ears to **hear**, let him **hear**.

18 **Hear** ye therefore the parable of the sower. 19 When any one **heareth** the word of the kingdom, and understandeth *it* not, then cometh the wicked *one*, and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart. This is he which received seed by the way side. 20 But he that received the seed into stony places, the same is he that **heareth** the word, and anon with joy receiveth it; 21 Yet hath he not root in himself, but dureth for a while: for when tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the word, by and by he is offended. 22 He also that received seed among the thorns is he that **heareth** the word; and the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful. 23 But he that received seed into the good ground is he that **heareth** the word, and understandeth *it*; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

# The *Shema*, the World, and the Soils

Deut 6:5	1 John 2:16	Matt 13:18-12
Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with	All that is in the world	
All thine <b>heart</b>	Pride of life	Wayside: 19 that which was sown in his <b>heart</b>
All thy soul / <b>life</b>	Lust of the flesh	Stony: 21 offended by <b>tribulation</b> or <b>persecution</b>
All thy strength / <b>abundance</b>	Lust of the eyes	Thorns: 22 care of this <b>world</b> , deceitfulness of <b>riches</b>

# The State of the Stony Soil

Mat 24:9 Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake. 10 And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another. 11 And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many. 12 And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. 13 But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.

2Ti 4:16 At my first answer no man stood with me, but all *men* forsook me: *I pray God* that it may not be laid to their charge. 17 Notwithstanding the Lord stood with me, and strengthened me; that by me the preaching might be fully known, and *that* all the Gentiles might hear: and I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion.

# Three Lessons

1. Sow thoroughly, not selectively.

Mar 16:15 And he said unto them, Go ye into **all** the world, and preach the gospel to **every** creature.

2. Realize that some will turn aside.

Mat 7:21 **Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord,** shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

3. Seek fruit, not just professions.

Mat 28:20 Teaching them to **observe all things** whatsoever I have commanded you:

Col 1:28 Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man **perfect** in Christ Jesus: