

Lesson 17: The 3rd Essential of Holy Living: The Study of God's Word-1

Memory Verse: Psalm 119:11 "Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee."

I. The Importance of the Word

1. What is the purpose of study in God's Word? Psalm 119:11 "Thy _____ have I hid in mine _____, that I might not _____ against thee."

Note: "The reason that many professed Christians do not have a clear, well-defined experience, is that they do not think it is their privilege to understand what God has spoken through His word." FE 189.1

2. To what is God's Word likened? It is likened to a sharp _____.
Hebrews 4:12 "For the word of God is _____, and _____, and sharper than any two-edged _____, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the _____ and _____ of the heart."

Ephesians 6:17 "And take the helmet of salvation, and the _____ of the Spirit, which is the _____ of God:"

3. To what else is God's Word likened? It is likened to a _____ or _____.
Psalm 119:105 "Thy word is a _____ unto my feet, and a _____ unto my path." It shows us the way in which we should go so that we will not stumble and fall.

4. What should we do with God's Word?

 2 Tim 2:15 We should _____ it so we will become approved unto God.

 Luke 11:28 We should _____ it and _____ it.

 1 Thes 2:13 We should _____ it so that we will be changed.

5. What does God's Word do for us?

Rom 10:17 Our F_____ increases as we read, believe, and obey God's word.

1 Pet 1:23 We are _____ by the Word of God

2 Pet 1:4 We become partakers of His _____ nature through the _____ in the word of God. Then we can escape the _____ that is in the world.

John 17:17 We are _____ through the truths of His _____.

6. What is God's Word good for? 2 Tim 3:15-17; Ps 119:28,105,133; Ps 17:4

 It makes us _____ unto _____

 It gives us correct D_____

 It gives us _____ and _____ when we need it.

 It gives us _____ in how to live a _____ life.

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📖 It will make us _____, thoroughly prepared for His service.

📖 It will _____ us to do right.

📖 It _____ up the way that we should go.

📖 It _____ our steps and keeps _____ from having _____ over us.

📖 It keeps us from going in the _____ of the _____, or Satan.

7. What does the word teach us about sin?

📖 1 John 3:4 "Whosoever committeth _____ transgresseth also the _____: for _____ is the transgression of the _____."

📖 1 John 5:17 "All _____ is _____"

📖 James 4:17 "Therefore to him that _____ to do _____, and _____ it _____, to him it is _____."

So the Word teaches us that sin is disobeying the _____.

It is all _____.

It is knowing what is right, but not _____ it.

Other verses also tell us some things that are often overlooked as sin. These are:

📖 Romans 14:23, last part. "For whatsoever is _____ of _____ is sin."

📖 Proverbs 21:4 "An _____ look, and a _____ heart, and the plowing of the wicked, is sin."

📖 James 2:9 "But if ye have _____ to persons, ye commit sin, and are convinced of the law as transgressors."

📖 Proverbs 24:9, first part. "The thought of _____ is sin."

So these are some things to watch out for:

Doing things in our own strength instead of by _____ in Jesus.

A _____ heart, thinking we are better than others.

R_____ of persons. This means trying to get in good with someone by showing partiality to them so that they will give us a favor.

Thinking of _____.

8. What is the difference between Christianity and all other religions?

Here is a story that tells us: "***The Buddhist Monk***"

A Christian missionary and a Buddhist monk sat under a tree on the island of Sri Lanka. "What do you believe is the greatest difference between Christianity and Buddhism?", the missionary asked.

The monk thought a moment before he answered. "Both contain much good, as all religions probably do. But the greatest difference seems to be that Christians **know** what is right and have the **POWER** to do it, while Buddhists **know** what is right, but do not have any such power."

What the monk did not say, but anyone knows, is that often Christians do not use the power God offers them. What a pity!

If we don't use that power, are we really Christians? If you're not sure, ask a Buddhist monk!

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9. The Word also teaches us that "_____ have sinned and come _____ of the _____ of God." Romans 3:23 We are _____ guilty of sin.

10. But the Word also gives us hope and tells us what to do about our sinfulness. What does 1 John 1:9 tell us? "If we _____ our _____, he is faithful and just to _____ us our _____, and to _____ us from all _____."

11. The Word also explains to us the consequences of sin. Romans 6:23 says: Romans 6:23 "For the _____ of _____ is _____ [eternal]; but the gift of God is eternal _____ through Jesus Christ our _____."

12. The Word tells us the price that Jesus paid in order to provide pardon for our sins. † 1 Peter 1:18-19 "Forasmuch as ye know that ye were _____ redeemed with _____ things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the _____ of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:"

† 1 Peter 2:24 "Who his own _____ bare our _____ in his own _____ on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should _____ unto righteousness: by whose _____ ye were healed."

† Isaiah 53:5 "But he was _____ for our _____, he was _____ for our _____: the _____ of our peace was upon _____; and with his _____ we are healed."

† Isaiah 53:8 "He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was _____ out of the land of the _____: for the _____ of my people was he _____."

12. In the life of Jesus, the Word reveals to us the perfect Pattern of how to live life on this earth. John 13:15 "For I have given you an _____, that ye should _____ as I have _____ to you."

1 Peter 2:21-23 "For even hereunto were ye _____: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an _____, that ye should _____ his _____: Who did _____ sin, neither was _____ found in his _____: Who, when he was _____, reviled _____ again; when he _____, he _____ not; but committed _____ to him that judgeth righteously:"

Note: "A View of the Pattern. – For a period of time the Majesty of heaven, the King of glory, was only a Babe in Bethlehem and could only represent the babe in its mother's arms. **In childhood He could only do the work of an obedient child, fulfilling the wishes of His parents, in doing such duties**

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as would correspond to His ability as a child. This is all that children can do, and they should be so educated and instructed that they may **follow Christ's example**. Christ acted in a manner that blessed the household in which He was found, for He was subject to His parents and **thus did missionary work** in His home life." AH 290.1

13. The Word gives us the promise of power to obey as He did. 1 Peter 1:5

"Who are _____ by the _____ of God through _____ unto _____ ready to be revealed in the last time."

What are they kept from? Jude 1:24 "Now unto him that is _____ to _____ you from _____, and to present you _____ before the presence of his _____ with exceeding joy," They are kept from _____ into sin and through His power are made F _____.

What has His power provided for us? 2 Peter 1:3 "According as his divine _____ hath _____ unto us _____ things that pertain unto _____ and _____, through the _____ of him that hath called us to _____ and virtue:" He has provided _____ that we need for living a life of G _____. These are the things that we are studying in the lessons on the Seven Essentials for Holy Living. He has provided them all, but we must take them and use them as He has directed.

Note: For all these reasons and many more the Word should be studied every day to give us wisdom and understanding, to keep our thinking clear, and to protect us from the deceptions of Satan. When we study the Word it influences how we think about everything. From the Word we get wisdom, guidance, and instruction for our daily life. We get courage to do right, comfort when we feel sad, and cheer when we are discouraged. It gives us a love for the right and a hatred of wrong. We grow to love God and others. It teaches us love for those who are lost and how we can work to bring them to Jesus. It also gives us hope for the future and shows us the reward that is waiting for those who are faithful and loyal to God.

II. The Power of the Word

13. Read the parable Jesus told in Matthew 13:3-9.

When the sower sowed the grain, where did it fall and what happened to it?

a. It fell on the _____ and the _____ ate it up.

b. It fell on _____ ground. There was not much _____.
It _____ up but was _____ by the _____
because it had no _____ of earth. Because it had no
_____ it _____ away.

c. It fell among _____ and was _____ by them.

d. It fell on _____ ground and produced _____,
some _____ fold, some _____ fold, and some _____ fold.

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14. Read Jesus' explanation of the parable in Matthew 13:18-23.
- What does the seed represent? Luke 8:11.
"The seed is the _____ of _____."
 - The seed which fell on the way side represents those who _____ the truth of God's word, but do not _____ it. (Matt. 13:19)
 - Why do they not understand? Read verse 15. Their _____ are become "_____". This means to "thicken, to stupefy or make calloused". Their _____ have become _____ of hearing and they have closed their _____. They are not interested.
 - Who comes to snatch the word away? The _____ one, or S_____
 - The seed which fell in stony ground represent those who _____ the word of God and anon (at once) with _____ receive it. Look in Luke 8:13 to find out what happens to them. In time of _____ they _____ away. They have no strength to resist temptation because they were not _____ in Christ (see Col. 2:6,7). They were only surface Christians.
 - The seed which fell among the thorns represents those who allow other things to choke out the Word. Look in Luke 8:14 to find 3 things that choke the Word out of their lives. The _____, _____ and _____ of this life.
 - The seed which fell on the good ground represents those who _____ and _____ the Word of God. (Matthew 13:23)
Look in Luke 8:15 to see what they do. They have an _____ and _____ heart and when they hear the Word, they _____ it.
This is how they bring forth fruit.

Note: When the sower sows the seed into good ground it can multiply as much as _____ times. One seed can produce _____ new seeds. This is an act of God and it is completely impossible for man to do it. So the seed of the Word of God can also be multiplied by the power of God. How does this work? The Word of God is sown in our minds and if we will take ONE of God's thoughts from the Word into our minds and HOLD it there, it will produce MORE thoughts of God. If we would ONLY receive good thoughts into our minds, our minds would soon be filled with thoughts from God and the evil would be overcome by the power of God which is in His Word. The problem is that we often mix evil thoughts with good thoughts. When we fill our minds with thoughts that lead us downward, the Word of God, the thoughts of God, are choked out.

We think about what we see, hear, touch, taste, and smell. The thoughts that we think are the seeds out of which our words and acts grow. These make up our life. Our life cannot be "good" if we keep on receiving wrong thoughts through our five senses. The use we make of our five senses determines our character. Our character determines our destiny. What kind of thoughts are you growing in the garden of your mind? What kind of seed are you allowing to grow there?