

Lesson 18: The 3rd Essential of Holy Living: The Study of God's Word-2

Memory Verse: "I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart."
Psalm 40:8

III. Eating the Word

1. We have learned how important it is to have the right thoughts. How can we have the right thoughts? "The thoughts will be of the same character as the food we provide the mind." 5T 544.1 What did Jesus say we should eat: John 6:51 "I am the living _____ which came down from heaven: if any man _____ of this bread, he shall _____ for ever: and the _____ that I will give is my _____, which I will give for the _____ of the world."

2. What did the Jews think when Jesus said this? Look in verse 52: They said "How can this man give us his _____ to _____?"

3. What was Jesus' answer? John 6:53-54 "Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye _____ the _____ of the Son of man, and _____ his _____, ye have no _____ in you. Whoso _____ my _____, and _____ my _____, hath _____ life; and I will _____ him up at the _____ day".

Note: This must be pretty important to understand because Jesus said that if we do this, we have eternal life!

4. What does it mean to eat his flesh and drink his blood? John 6:55-57 will give you more clues:

When we eat His flesh and drink His blood we _____ in Him
and He _____ in us.

As Jesus _____ by the Father, so we will _____ by Him
when we _____ Him.

5. In John 6:63 He clearly explains what He means by eating His flesh and drinking His blood. What does He say? "It is the _____ that quickeneth; the _____ profiteth _____: the _____ that I speak unto you, they are _____, and they are _____." Then what must we "eat"? His _____.

6. How do we do that? Luke 4:4 "And Jesus answered him, saying, It is written, That man shall not _____ by _____ alone, but by _____ of _____."

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7. We learned earlier what it means to live by God's Word. [See Lesson 16, #4] When we live by F _____, we are living by the _____ of God. We live according to the _____ of God. We see what God has said about something and then we _____ it His way. This is how we live by faith. This is how we live by the Word of God.

We can eat by faith by eating according to God's instructions on eating.

We can dress by faith by dressing the way God wants His children to dress.

We can listen to music by faith by listening only to music in harmony with His principles.

We follow His instructions on what to feed our minds. What are these instructions?

Philippians 4:8 "Finally, brethren,
whatsoever things are _____,
whatsoever things are _____,
whatsoever things are _____,
whatsoever things are _____,
whatsoever things are _____,
whatsoever things are of _____ report;
if there be any _____,
and if there be any _____,
T _____ on these things."

We guard our eyes according to Psalm 101:3 "I will set _____ wicked thing before mine _____." We do not look at things that suggest wrong thoughts or teach us wrong principles of living.

We use our ears according to Psalm 78:1 "Give _____, O my people, to my _____: incline your _____ to the _____ of my _____."

And Ezekiel 3:10 "Moreover he said unto me, Son of man, _____ my _____ that I shall speak unto thee _____ in thine _____, and _____ with thine _____."

Note: So it is with everything we do, we do it according to His instructions, not our own ideas. To ignore His will on any point, or take liberties with what He has said and follow our own desires instead, and then pray for Him to bless us, is presumption.

8. What does eating God's Word bring us? Jeremiah 15:16 "Thy _____ were found, and I did _____ them; and thy _____ was unto me the _____ and _____ of mine heart: for I am called by thy name, O Lord God of hosts."

Psalm 40:8 "I _____ to do thy _____, O my God: yea, thy _____ is within my _____."

Psalm 119:11 "Thy _____ have I _____ in mine _____, that I might not _____ against thee."

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So when we "eat" God's Word by living according to His Word, it brings J_____ and R_____ to our heart. When His _____ is in our heart, it gives us power to overcome S_____ and we find D_____ in doing His W_____.

9. How did Jesus use God's Word? Matt. 4:4,7,10

Matthew 4:4 "But he answered and said, It is _____, Man shall _____ live by _____ alone, but by _____ word that proceedeth out of the _____ of _____."

Matthew 4:7 "Jesus said unto him, It is _____ again, Thou shalt _____ tempt the Lord thy _____."

Matthew 4:10 "Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee _____, Satan: for it is _____, Thou shalt _____ the Lord thy _____, and him _____ shalt thou _____."

Note: He answered every temptation of Satan with the words of Scripture: He said, "It is _____." He did not argue with Satan or give him a chance to give seemingly good reasons why He should do the temptation. He immediately said a firm and decided "NO" using Scripture to end the discussion.

Who also can quote Scripture in order to try to get you to do wrong? Look in Matt. 4:5,6: It is the _____. Did he quote Scripture correctly? YES NO

Look in Psalm 91:11,12: What did he add? "at _____"

What did he leave out? _____

What kind of person can claim the promise of Psalm 91:11,12? See verses 1,9,14:

It is those who D_____ in the _____ place of the Most High; those who make the Most High their H_____; those who set their L_____ upon Him and who know His N_____ (or His character).

10. Of whom does all of God's Word testify? John 5:39 "Search the Scriptures; for in them ye think ye have _____ life: and _____ are they which _____ of _____." Who said this? (see verse 19:) _____

Luke 24:27 And _____ at _____ and _____ the prophets, He expounded unto them in _____ the scriptures the things concerning _____."

Who was this? (see verse 15) _____

All the Scriptures, from beginning to end, testify of _____

11. Read Revelation 19:11-16. Who is this describing? _____

What is the name by which He is called in verse 13?

The _____

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12. What does it say about Him in John 1:1-3,14,17?

He was in the _____ (Verse 1)

He was with _____ (Verse 1)

He was _____ (Verse 1)

He was in the _____ with _____ (Verse 2)

All things were _____ by Him (Verse 3)

Without Him there was not _____ thing _____ that was made (Verse 3)

He became _____ and _____ among us (Verse 14)

We beheld His _____; full of _____ and _____ (Verse 14)

Grace and truth came by _____ (Verse 17)

Note: Jesus said He is the living bread which came down from heaven. (John 6:51) He said we must "eat" Him. He said that to eat Him means to take in His _____. (John 6:63). The Bible is the Word of God given to us in human language. Jesus is the Word of God lived in a human body. When we believe and act according to the Word of God, we believe and act according to Jesus. Then we have His life in us. What does the Bible call this?

2 Peter 1:4 tells us we are "partakers of the _____ nature." It also tells us that this is how we escape "the _____ that is in the _____ through lust."

13. This is the armor of light which Paul talks about in Romans 13:11-14. Read this.

What time in earth's history is it talking about especially? The time when our _____ is _____; when the _____ is far spent and the _____ [of Jesus' coming] is at _____

Because we are facing the final crisis in earth's history, the final battle in the Great Controversy between good and evil, what must we put off and what must we put on?

We must put off the _____ of _____

and we must put on the _____ of _____

How do we do this? Verse 13 tells us some of the works of darkness to put off:

_____, _____, _____, _____,
_____, and _____.

Instead, to put on the armor of light we walk _____; we put on the _____ and we make _____ provision for the _____ to fulfill its _____. We do this by choosing to live according to the W_____ of God, not our own ideas.

Note: Without this armor of light we will not be able to stand in the final battle between truth and error.

"As the storm approaches, a large class who have professed faith in the third angel's message, but **have not been sanctified through obedience to the truth**, abandon their position and join the ranks of the opposition. By uniting with the world and partaking of its spirit, they have come to view matters in nearly the same light; and when the test is brought, they are prepared to **choose the easy, popular side.**" GC 608.2

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We don't want to be among those who join Satan's side. We must prepare ourselves **now** by separating from the world so that we don't partake of its spirit.

"Our only safety is to stand as God's peculiar people. We must not yield one inch to the customs and fashions of this degenerate age, but stand in moral independence, making no compromise with its corrupt and idolatrous practices." 5T 78.2

14. Soon, very soon, we will face the final test. What does Isaiah 33:14-17 say about it?

"The _____ in Zion are _____;

F_____ hath surprised the _____.

Who among us shall _____ with the devouring _____?

Who among us shall _____ with everlasting _____?

He that walketh _____, [according to the Word of God]

He that S_____ uprightly;

He that despiseth the _____ of oppressions,

He that shaketh his _____ from holding of _____,

He that stoppeth his _____ from hearing of _____,

[such as violence in movies and on television]

He that shutteth his _____ from seeing _____."

What is the promise to those who choose to live according to God's Word in everything?

"He shall dwell on _____: his place of _____ shall be the munitions of _____: _____ shall be given him; his _____ shall be sure.

Thine _____ shall see the _____ in his beauty: they shall behold the

_____ that is very _____ off." God will be with them through the final crisis

and they will see the King of Kings and Lord of Lords coming with clouds of angels. They will see the land that is very far off – **Heaven!!**