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MEDITATE ON THE WORD (*Psalm 1:2; Psalm 119:148*)

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. This month I have chosen another sermon I preached a couple years back entitled “Meditate on the Word” which is where I got the idea of this column from. You will find that below. Also, you will find a poem I wrote a few years back entitled “The Long Road”. I pray these will be a blessing and an encouragement to you and help you grow in your daily walk with the Lord.

“Meditate On the Word”

By: Craig Glickman

(THIS MESSAGE IS BASED ON A MESSAGE PREACHED BY PASTOR JIM SCHESSLER WHO IS THE FORMER PASTOR OF THE CAMPUS CHURCH AT PENSACOLA CHRISTIAN COLLEGE.)

Psalm 1:1-2 says “BLESSED is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. / But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

THE KEY WORD OF MY MESSAGE IS FOUND IN VS. 2, “...IN HIS LAW DOTH HE MEDITATE DAY AND NIGHT”. THAT WORD IS “MEDITATE”. THUS THE TITLE OF MY MESSAGE... “MEDITATE ON THE WORD”

PROVERBS 15:28 SAYS, “THE HEART OF THE RIGHTEOUS STUDIETH TO ANSWER: BUT THE MOUTH OF THE WICKED POUETH OUT EVIL THINGS.” THOSE THAT ARE SAVED WANT TO MEDITATE, STUDY, AND TAKE IN GOD’S WORD DAILY SO THAT THEY CAN SERVE GOD AND LIVE FOR GOD DAILY. MEDITATE

MEANS TO READ QUIETLY OR TO TALK TO YOURSELF AS YOU THINK. IT INVOLVES REFLECTING UPON GOD'S WORDS AND WAYS AND APPLYING THEM TO EVERY AREA OF OUR LIVES. THOSE SEEKING TO LIVE UNDER GOD'S BLESSING MEDITATE ON GOD'S WORD IN ORDER TO SHAPE THEIR THINKING, ATTITUDES, AND ACTIONS. THEY READ THE WORDS OF SCRIPTURE, PONDER THEM, AND COMPARE THEM WITH OTHER SCRIPTURES.

WHEN MEDITATING ON A PASSAGE IN THE BIBLE, ?'S LIKE THESE MAY CROSS OUR MINDS: IS THE HOLY SPIRIT APPLYING THIS VERSE TO MY PRESENT SITUATION? IS THE PASSAGE EXPRESSING A TRUTH ABOUT GOD, SALVATION, SIN, THE WORLD, OR MY PERSONAL OBEDIENCE ON WHICH I NEED TO BE ENLIGHTENED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT? THESE ARE JUST SOME QUESTIONS WE ASK OURSELVES AS WE MEDIATE ON THE WORD.

WE NEED THE BIBLE TO KEEP US FROM SIN. PROVERBS 4:13-14 SAYS, "TAKE FAST HOLD OF INSTRUCTION; LET HER NOT GO: KEEP HER; FOR SHE IS THY LIFE. ENTER NOT INTO THE PATH OF THE WICKED, AND GO NOT IN THE WAY OF EVIL MEN." OUR INSTRUCTION, OUR TEXT BOOK IS THE WORD OF GOD, THE BIBLE! IT IS A LAMP UNTO OUR FEET AND A LIGHT UNTO OUR PATH. AS CHRISTIANS, GOD'S WORD WILL KEEP US FROM WALKING IN THE PATH OF THE WICKED AND GOING IN THE WAY OF EVIL.

WHEN WE'RE DONE EATING OUR MEALS, WE WANT TO USUALLY SIT DOWN AND DIGEST OUR FOOD. WE MUST DO THE SAME THING SPIRITUALLY AS WE TAKE IN GOD'S WORD, WHICH IS OUR SPIRITUAL FOOD! WE MUST DIGEST IT AND TAKE IT IN THAT WE CAN FULLY COMPREHEND AND KNOW WHAT GOD IS TRYING TO TELL US IN HIS WORD AS WE STUDY IT IN OUR DAILY DEVOTIONS AND ALSO AS IT IS PREACHED TO US.

I WANT TO USE AN ACROSTIC OF THE WORD "DIGEST" TO HELP US ALL TO UNDERSTAND HOW TO MEDITATE ON, OR DIGEST THE WORD OF GOD.

- LETTER "D" IS FIRST. TO DIGEST THE WORD OF GOD: WE WANT TO DEFINE IT. WE READ IN II TIM. 2:15 "...RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD OF TRUTH". WE SHOULD WANT TO KNOW THE MEANING OF THE WORDS THAT WE ARE READING OR HEARING PREACHED AND HOW TO RIGHTLY DIVIDE THEM. WE NEED TO SEEK GOD'S WILL IN HELPING US DEFINE WHAT THE WORDS WE ARE STUDYING OR ARE BEING PREACHED MEAN. IT IS ALWAYS IMPORTANT FOR

ME TO DEFINE A WORD OR WORDS OF A VERSE SO THAT I CAN KNOW ITS MEANING.

- FOR LETTER “I”, WE WANT TO INVESTIGATE IT. WE READ IN PSALM 119:18 “OPEN THOU MINE EYES, THAT I MAY BEHOLD WONDROUS THINGS OUT OF THY LAW.” “OPEN” IN THAT VERSE MEANS TO “REVEAL”. HERE THE PSALMIST IS ASKING THE LORD TO OPEN OR REVEAL WONDROUS THINGS OUT OF GOD’S LAW. WE SHOULD DESIRE TO INVESTIGATE AND LOOK INTO WHAT GOD IS SAYING IN HIS WORD. WHEN I STUDY THE WORD, I WANT TO DEFINE IT AND I WANT TO LOOK DEEP INTO OR INVESTIGATE INTO, WHAT GOD, THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT IS TRYING TO TEACH ME.
- NOW, LETTER “G”, WE WANT TO GO OVER IT. WE MUST GO OVER THE PASSAGE OR PASSAGES AGAIN AND AGAIN SO THAT WE CAN UNDERSTAND IT. WHICH BRINGS US BACK TO PROV. 15:28, “THE HEART OF THE RIGHTEOUS STUDIETH TO ANSWER...” WE SHOULD WANT TO STUDY...GO OVER IT AND REVIEW IT UNTIL WE FULLY COMPREHEND WHAT THE PASSAGE OR PASSAGES ARE TEACHING US. WE SHOULD WANT TO GET A BLESSING, COMFORT, OR CONVICTION EVERY TIME WE READ THE BIBLE. WHEN I COME ACROSS A VERSE OR VERSES IN DEVOTIONS AND THE SPIRIT WORKS ON MY HEART ABOUT THAT PASSAGE, I WANT TO KNOW WHAT HE IS TRYING TO TELL ME, SO IF I DON’T UNDERSTAND, I’LL GO OVER IT UNTIL I DO.
- LETTER “E” IS EXERCISE IT. PSALM 77:12 SAYS “I WILL MEDITATE ALSO OF ALL THY WORK, AND TALK OF THY DOINGS.” WE MUST NOT BE ONLY HEARERS OR READERS OF THE WORD, BUT DOERS OF THE WORD AS JAMES 1:22 SAYS. IF WE ARE JUST HEARERS ONLY, WE DECEIVE OURSELVES AS THE BIBLE TELLS US. PSALM 119:9 SAYS “...WHEREWITHAL SHALL A YOUNG MAN CLEANSE HIS WAY? BY TAKING HEED THERETO ACCORDING TO THY WORD.” WE NEED TO TAKE HEED TO GOD’S WORD, OR EXERCISE IT. I DON’T JUST WANT TO READ IT AND HERE IT, I WANT TO LIVE IT AND DO IT! I WANT TO EXERCISE IT. WE KNOW THAT PHYSICAL EXERCISE IS IMPORTANT TO OUR PHYSICAL HEALTH. I MYSELF DON’T GET ENOUGH OF THAT. BUT, SPIRITUAL EXERCISE IS EVEN MORE IMPORTANT. WE NEED TO EXERCISE IT OR LIVE ACCORDING TO GOD’S WORD IN OUR CHRISTIAN LIFE.

- NOW, LETTER “S”, WE WANT TO SUCCEED WITH IT. READ JOSHUA 1:8. THIS IS A GREAT VERSE ABOUT SPIRITUAL PROSPERITY AND SUCCESS. THOSE WHO ARE SAVED THAT KNOW AND FOLLOW GOD’S WORD WILL BE PROSPEROUS OR SUCEED, IN THAT THEY POSSESS THE WISDOM TO LIVE RIGHTEOUSLY AND TO ACHIEVE GOD’S GOAL FOR THEIR LIVES. PSALM 1:3 ALSO SPEAKS OF SUCCEEDING WITH GOD’S WORD. THE WORD “PROSPER” IN THIS VS. TELLS US THAT A GODLY PERSON CAN KNOW GOD’S WILL AND EXPERIENCE HIS BLESSING. TO SUCEED WITH GOD’S WORD, WE MUST BE STRONG AND COURAGEOUS, MAKE GOD’S WORD OUR AUTHORATIVE GUIDE FOR HOW WE LIVE OUR LIFE, STUDY AND MEDITATE DAILY IN IT, AND SEEK TO KNOW GOD’S WILL FOR OUR LIVES. SPIRITUAL SUCCESS REAPS ETERNAL REWARDS. WHAT WE SUCEED IN ON EARTH IS ONLY TEMPORAL. I ONCE READ A GREAT PHRASE...”THE WORLD CROWNS SUCCESS, BUT GOD CROWNS FAITHFULNESS.” OUR FAITH IN GOD AND HIS WORD AND OUR DESIRE TO LIVE BY IT IS WHAT HELPS US SUCEED SPIRITUALLY.

 - LASTLY, AND IN CLOSING, LETTER “T”, TO DIGEST THE BIBLE, WE SHOULD DEFINE IT, INVESTIGATE IT, GO OVER IT, EXERCISE IT, AND SUCEED WITH IT. BUT, WE CAN’T DO THESE THINGS IF WE DON’T TRUST IN IT! PSALM 119:42-43 SAYS, “SO SHALL I HAVE WHEREWITH TO ANSWER HIM THAT REPROACHETH ME: FOR I TRUST IN THY WORD. AND TAKE NOT THE WORD OF TRUTH UTTERLY OUT OF MY MOUTH; FOR I HAVE HOPED IN THY JUDGMENTS.” THERE ARE MANY PASSAGES THROUGHOUT THE BIBLE THAT SPEAK OF THE BELIEVER PUTTING THEIR TRUST IN GOD. THUS, TO TRUST IN GOD’S WORD, WE NEED TO TRUST IN GOD AND BELIEVE THAT HIS WORD IS INSPIRED, INFALLABLE, PRESERVED AND THAT IT IS THE SOLE AUTHORITY FOR WHAT WE BELIEVE AND PRACTICE EVERYDAY. I WANT TO CLOSE BY SAYING, WE MUST NOT FORSAKE OUR DAILY DEVOTIONS IN GOD’S WORD. WE NEED TO READ IT EVERYDAY AND KEEP WHAT WE’VE LEARNED IN OUR MINDS THAT WE MAY KNOW GOD’S WILL AND BE ABLE TO GIVE HIM ALL THE HONOR, THE GLORY, AND THE PRAISE. LET US MEDITATE ON THE WORD.
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The Long Road

By: Craig Glickman

We all walk a long road.
Though it may be rough,
someone is always there to help carry the load.
Who is this person you are wondering?
I will tell you without pondering.
This person is my best friend
and I will serve him to the very end.
I am thankful for all he has done.
He saved my soul and made me one.
If you put your faith and trust in him with all your heart,
you and he will never be apart.
We do all walk a long road.
I am thankful I walk it with the Lord.

SONG OF THE MONTH

SONG – *“It Was for Me”* (The words to this great, powerful, encouraging and blessed song tell it best. I encourage you to consider the words to this song that tell the gospel story of our great, loving, caring, compassionate, humble and suffering Savior in a very special way. They go like this: *Why leave a heavenly mansion? Why choose a simple stall? Why wander poor and homeless, the King and Lord of all? Why heal a lonely beggar? Why cause the blind to see? The Light of all creation shining there for me. (CHORUS: It was for me He cried, for me He died, for me He shed His blood upon a tree. It was for me He came, for me His shame; for me, oh, praise His name, it was for me.) Why stay in Olve’s garden? Why spend the night in prayer? Why suffer such betrayal in anguish kneeling there? Why leave His mother crying? Why set Barabbas free? The spotless Lamb of heaven given there for me. Why climb that dreadful mountain? Why suffer agony? Why give His blood a fountain, spilled and broken, flowing free? When he walked the road to Calvary, gave His life so willingly, broken there the Rose of Sharon died for me. (CHORUS) The King who came from heaven, to the cry, “There is no room,” Now must lay His weary body in a cold and borrowed tomb. But the grave, it would not hold him; death lost its victory. The risen Lord of glory is living now for me...for me (CHORUS).*

“Let us praise our precious Savior in song all the day long.”

“CHILDREN FOR CHRIST” (N E W C O L U M N)

Memory Verse – Psalm 1:1 “BLESSED is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.”

NO PLACE FOR THE DEVIL

NAME _____

READ: 1 PETER 5:8; PSALM 1:1; AND EPHESIANS 4:27

THE FOLLOWING ARE 4 WAYS THAT WE WILL END UP GIVING PLACE TO THE DEVIL AND WE DON'T WANT TO GIVE THE DEVIL A PLACE TO SIT DOWN IN OUR LIVES. **AFTER EACH ONE, WRITE DOWN HOW YOU PLAN TO PREVENT THESE THINGS AND THEN PRAY AND ASK GOD TO HELP YOU.**

1. ALLOW SIN IN OUR LIVES

2. NOT PRAYING EVERYDAY AND OFTEN

3. NOT STUDYING YOUR BIBLE

4. NOT WANTING TO GO CHURCH or NOT GOING TO CHURCH

NEWS

Summer is coming to an end and fall is approaching. I am looking forward to the bright colors of the leaves. Fall is my favorite season for that reason. I love to take a country ride or hike in a forest at the peak of foliage. What a beautiful sight! Praise God for His creation!

As I mentioned last month, the web site is closing in October and all the materials will no longer be accessible on-line, but will still be available via mail or e-mail.

PRAISES

I praise God for the privilege and blessing of preparing and sending out STM E-news to people all across the land. As always, I praise God and want to say thank you to each and every one of you who take the time to read this every month.

As always, I challenge and encourage both young and old to take time each week to take a stack of gospel tracts from your local church and get them out to the lost however the Lord leads. Make sure you do not have any left by the end of the month. Maybe, you will need more, praise God! I will be doing the same myself and praying for you all as you do this for the honor and glory of the Lord.

Last month, The Lord opened up many personal witnessing opportunities for me. One was a homeless man in Atlanta, GA. This man was very positive, friendly, and outgoing. Please pray that he comes to know Christ as his personal Lord and Savior. God can do great things with this man if he only believes. I again was able to distribute many tracts at work and many other places! Also, please pray for salvation for several people my friend and I witnessed to at recent baseball games. Praise God! If the Lord leads please let me know how this worked out for you.

I praise God and thank you for your prayers as the Lord richly blessed my friend and I on our recent trip to Atlanta, GA. We had a great time site seeing and enjoyed two baseball games. We attended Sunday morning services at University Baptist Church in Atlanta where the Pastor is Gary Ledford. It is 20 minutes outside of Atlanta. The best part of the trip was the over 40+ tracts my friend and I were able to give or lay out. What a blessing and a privilege it is to serve the Lord.

Also, the unspoken request for my friend was answered. Praise God! Thank you for praying.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Salvation of my sister Wendy & her husband Mark
- Salvation of my nephew Jacob
- Wisdom regarding Saved Today Ministries and the e-newsletter
- Souls who were witnessed to last month for salvation (*NEW*)
- Unspoken request for the STM editor
- Unspoken requests for several friends of the STM editor (*NEW*)
- Wisdom regarding FT Christian service for the Lord someday as the Lord leads
- God's blessing upon and growth of Bible believing, Bible preaching, Biblicist Baptist local churches all across the world and for more to be planted.

IN NEXT MONTH'S ISSUE:

You will find a yet to be chosen sermon and an article or poem as well as another fun activity in the "Children for Christ" column. I am also planning other new columns in the future as the Lord leads.

Thank you so much for reading this. I praise God for all my dear brothers and sisters in Christ and I greatly appreciate your prayers. May each and every one of you be richly blessed as we serve our precious Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

His Servant,
Craig G.
Prov. 3:5-6

P.S. If you have any ideas on any improvements to the newsletter, I'd like to hear from you. Please e-mail me and let me know. If you know somebody who would like to be added to the newsletter, please have them e-mail me and I will get it out to them as soon as possible. Also, just in case you do NOT wish to continue receiving this monthly newsletter, please e-mail me with "please remove" in the subject line.