

Keeping the Word Close

Scripture: Psalm 119:10-16

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Message:

I have hidden your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you...

Psalm 119:1

If there is one theme throughout this chapter of Psalms, it is the Word. We must not only read the Word of God but hide its teachings in our heart so that we might not sin against God. The only way to be totally clean, is to be washed in the blood of the Lamb. His blood doesn't just cover sin but does away with it.

The psalmist is aware of his weaknesses and knows only the Lord can direct his every decision and not let him wander into temptation. The secret to life is in God's Word. We should be so full of God's Word that there isn't room for anything else. To doubt our own wisdom and strength, and to depend upon God, proves the purpose of holiness is sincere.

When we are so full of God's Word, we are learning the commandments and decrees of God and holding them deep in our hearts. What we hold deeply comes out in our actions and our words to all those around us. The Word of God should be more valuable than any material possession. If you could keep ONE of your worldly possessions and had to give up everything else, would you choose to keep your Bible? If you chose to keep your Bible, you have God in your heart more than material things.

It takes a commitment to study the Word of God and reflect on it. When you are not reading God's Word, are you thinking about it? When making decisions do you think your choice lines up with what the Word of God says? To have your mind stay with God is a very healthy choice. It is a big commitment that pays dividends.

To know the Word of God and hide it away deep within yourself is one thing that no one can ever take away from you. Nearly all true believers have many Scriptures they have memorized. In time of trouble, it gives us something to reflect on and be comforted.

Prayer: *Gracious and Loving God, guide us as we seek to keep your Word in our hearts so that we make decisions that are pleasing to you. In Jesu's name. Amen.*

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