

3—*Sin is Unbelief—Crafting a Holy Life with Mediation.*

INTRODUCTION: Pray, Obey... third one today in Psalm 19: Three experiences of spring... where were you when creation tugged your heart toward God. (ill) Patmos Rock?

- Let Creation and Providence tug you into the Word of God
- Delight in the Word of God
- You will avoid the “great transgression” melt-down

I. GOD IS CONTINUALLY SPEAKING IN CREATION (1-6) Let Creation tug your heart into the Word of God.

- the sun is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber
- the sun is like a strong man running a race

II. GOD IS POWERFULLY SPEAKING IN HIS WORD. (7-9) Delight in the Word of God—meditating on it continually.

(ill) The Mexican Orphanage. What is that one thing the Lord promises to bless...?

1. You should mediate on Scripture every day because the Bible imparts spiritual life. (ill) Bible from the “sky” small Siberian Baptist Church. Fishermen converted

- **The *Law of the Lord* (Torah) Our Owner’s Manual**
- **It is *perfect....and complete...***
- ***convert-revive soul***

Matthew 4:4 *"Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every Word that proceeds out of the mouth of God"* **2 Timothy 3:15** *and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.* **1 Peter 1:23** *having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever*

2. Mediate on Scripture Every Day Because it is the Only Accurate Record of Who God is.

- **The *Testimony of the Lord...* God’s Autobiography**
- ***sure... accurate story of God***
- ***making wise the simple***

3. Meditate on Scripture Continually Because the Bible Gives Specific Direction for Living.

- **The *Statutes or precepts of the Lord...* Specific Directions (ill) TomTom**
- ***right***
- ***rejoicing the heart* Joy comes from walking in the right way.**

Jeremiah 15:16 *Your words were found, and I ate them, And Your word was to me the joy and rejoicing of my heart; For I am called by Your name, O LORD God of hosts.* **1 John 1:4** *And these things we write to you that your joy may be full.*

4. Meditate on Scripture Continually Because You Will Find the Commandments of God.

- **The Commandment of the Lord...**(ill) Believers “sail under sealed orders”
- **Pure clear...**
- **Enlightening the eyes**

This is not a “conversation” it is a mandate, order, command. Direct orders from the Lord. Not suggestions or additional thoughts, but divine mandates. And when we obey them, they will bring us light. **Proverbs 6:23** *For the commandment is a lamp, And the law a light; Reproofs of instruction are the way of life*

5. Meditate on Scripture Continually to Experience Genuine-Eternal Worship.

- **The Fear of the Lord...**
- **clean...**
- **enduring forever** Awe, reverence, worship. From the word I get instruction on true worship that is clean and it always will be. ... enduring forever... it is truth and it always will be true.

6. Meditate on Scripture Continually Because the Bible Shows How to Live a Righteous Life.

- **The Judgments of the Lord...** rulings or case law... knowing the ways of God.
- **true and righteous altogether...**
- **warning and reward**

Synopsis—the Word is God is powerful and its effects are supernatural.

CHRIST—DAILY TRUTH—LIFE (John 17:15-17)
SATAN—DAILY LIES—DEATH (John 8:44ff)

[s] You will die on the couch, wrinkly, old and alone... Did Jesus tell you that? Who told you that? (Better and more examples)

III. WHEN YOU MEDITATE ON HIS WORD IT WILL TRANSFORM YOU.
(12-13) in five ways...

- there is great VAULE in meditation. (10A)
- there is great SATISFACTION in meditaiton. (10B)

- there is a great loss to avoid in meditation. WARNING (11A)
- there is great gain to be enjoyed in meditation. REWARD (11B)
- Meditation will keep you from sin... KEEP FROM SIN (12-13)

- small sins “errors”
- secret sins “hidden faults”
- presumptuous sins
- life dominating sins
- the great transgression

CONCLUSION (14) ...Then the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart are acceptable in the sight of God.

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The Spirit is speaking to you.*

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Whatsoever things are... (Phil. 4:8-9 filter: *true, noble, just, pure, lovely, good report, virtuous, worthy of praise-meditate*) This should govern what you read, watch, listen to, who you have fellowship with. NOISE.... (ill) What movies, what music, what books... the kind of media that contribute to this... I would think should be a... how does this commend Christ? How can I worship in doing this?

B. The Spirit is Speaking to You. Whose voice do you hear? That is how we know who your father is!

John 8:37; 43-47; 10:16, 27

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Jesus is Praying for you and The Spirit of God is speaking to you. He is continually speaking words of life, when we hear with our hearts (illumination) we will experience the life of God, the holiness of God in us.

Are you saved? Are you listening? Do you listen for the sound of His voice? Do you love the sound of his voice?

Five Smooth Stones to Kill Giants of Sin in Your Life Meditation (John 17:15-19)

1 Corinthians 10:13 *No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.*

4.1. Lies end in Death. Satan is the thief that wants to kill, steal, and destroy. John 8:32-47.

Satan has a tailor-made, custom-fit lie every day for each of those he wants to destroy. What lie is Satan trying to kill you with today? What lie is Satan trying to kill, steal, and destroy your wife with today? What lie is Satan trying to kill, steal, and destroy your sons and daughters with today?

4.2. Truth Leads to Life. Jesus is a generous giver who wants to give life.

Physical Life Eternal Life Abundant/Fullness of Life. He is the father of lights, the generator of generosity, the giver of all good and perfect gifts which stream continually down from heaven. He give life through truth. He give freedom through truth

John 8:32-36 *"...and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?" Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."*

4.3. So the path of life and freedom is to daily identify the lies of Satan and counter them with the truth of Jesus... EVERY DAY.

To overcome sin see it as unbelief and continually saturate your mind and heart with truth. Be a student of the Word. Be saturated with, delighted in, and changed by the Word of God.

Hebrews 4:12 *For the word of God is living and powerful...* **James 1:21** *Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.*

1 Thessalonians 2:13 *For this reason we also thank God without ceasing, because when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you welcomed it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which also effectively works in you who believe.*

Here is another means of Grace. It is a “...way of escape...” Force deadly lies out of your mind with truth.

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10 R's for Replacing Lies with Truth

- **Request** that God would reveal lies in your life **Psalm 139:23**
- **Recognize** lies in your life and their roots. **John 16:13.** Confess them to God. **1 John 1:9**
- **Repent**, asking God to forgive you for believing a lie. **Proverbs 28:13**
- **Release** any offenders as often unknowingly well meaning people (parents, siblings, and friends) speak lies into our lives. **Colossians 3:13**
- **Relinquish** the lie you believed. **Proverbs 4:23**
- **Renew** your mind daily, by exchanging lies for the truth, such as "I have no friends; no one likes me," to "I am a friend of Jesus." **John 15:15**
- **Receive** and believe God's truth. **John 8:32**
- **Rehearse** new truth until it begins to penetrate both your heart and mind becoming your new way of life. **Psalm 86:11** I can remember a season in my life where I wrote out various verses about who I was in Christ. Every morning and before going to bed I would say these verses out loud for a month until I believed them.
- **Reflect** God's truth to others. **Mark 5:19**
- **Repeat** steps as needed.