



# Lecture 2

## Meditating On The Word of God

### GOD'S PROMISE FOR THOSE WHO MEDITATE ON THE WORD:

Psalm 1:1-3 (NASB)

“How blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, nor stand in the path of sinners, nor sit in the seat of scoffers! But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and in His law he meditates day and night. He will be like a tree firmly planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in its season and its leaf does not wither; and in whatever he does, he prospers.”

### THE FUNCTION OF THE SPIRIT

1 Corinthians 2:12 (Wuest translation)

“But as for us, not the spirit of the world system did we receive but the Spirit who is of God in order that we might come to know the things which by God have been in grace bestowed upon us.”

Only the Holy Spirit will give us spiritual insight into the Word. The Word penetrates and the Holy Spirit reveals.

We believers need to realise that in our new life in Christ, we are spiritual beings and the source of all our decision-making, perspectives in life, principles, feelings and actions has to be God's Word and dependence upon the Holy Spirit. Putting God first is an act of supreme worship, in that we honour, respect and give Him glory through our attitude of obedience and surrender to Him.

John 4:24 (Wuest translation)

“God as to His nature is spirit, and for those who are worshipping, it is necessary in the nature of the case to be worshipping in a spiritual sphere, and in the sphere of truth.”

*God wants His light to penetrate from our spirit (indwelled by the Holy Spirit) through our whole being.*

**How much impact has God's Word had in my life thus far?**

Hebrews 4:12 (Wuest translation)

“For actively alive is the word of God, and energetic, and sharper than any two-edged sword, going through even to the dividing of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a sifter and analyzer of the reflections and conceptions of the heart.”

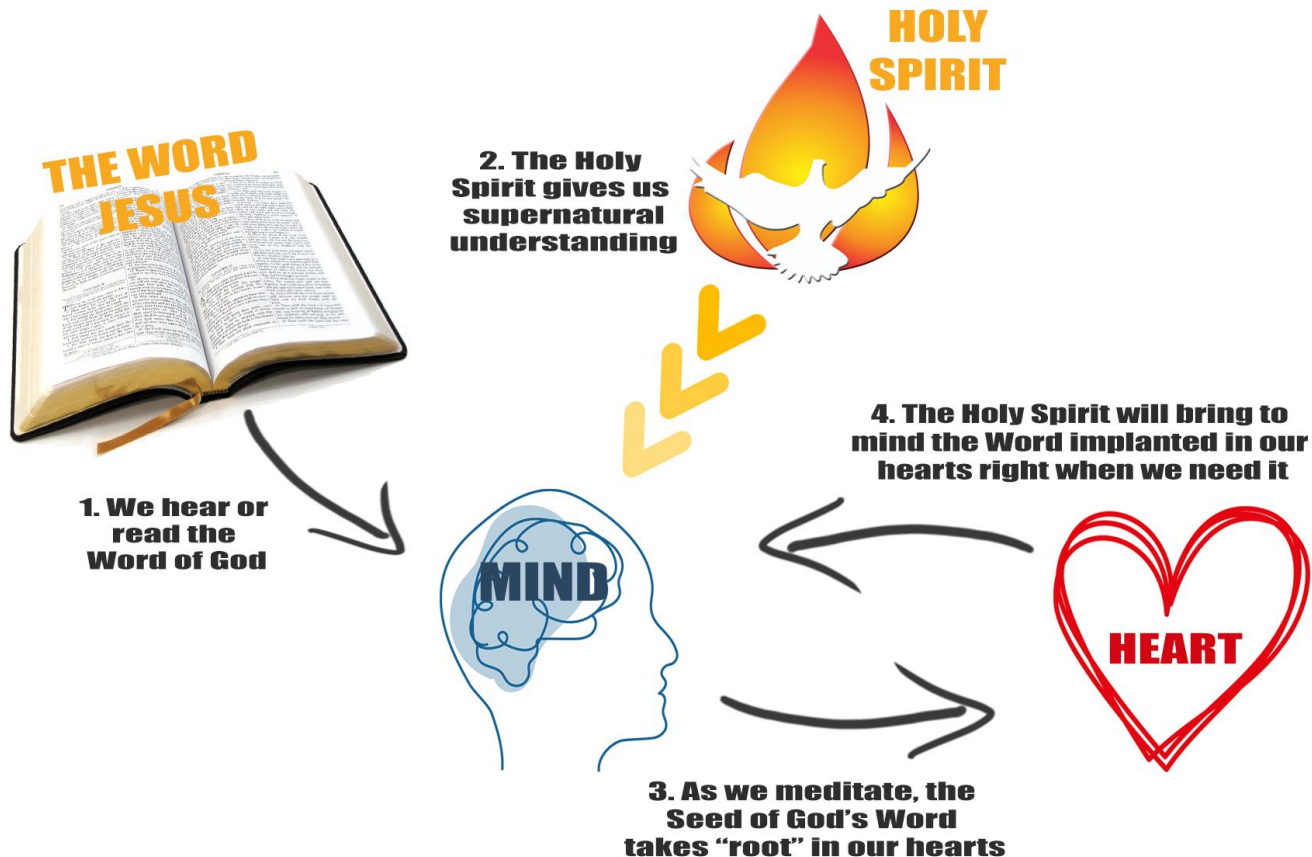
### RENEWING THE MIND WITH THE WORD

In our computer-driven world, we understand that a computer can only produce data according to the software that has been installed or the information inputted into it. It is the same with us as Christians. Whatever we allow to enter our minds will dictate our direction in life. As Christians we need to “uninstall” and delete the old ungodly thought patterns and “install” new data - the Word of God. This is what the Bible calls “renewing the mind”. Replacing our old thoughts with God's thoughts, as we study and meditate on the Word will bring supernatural peace, joy, success, victory, wisdom and so much more, into our hearts and lives.

Romans 12:2 (Wuest translation)

“And stop assuming an outward expression that does not come from within you and is not representative of what you are in your inner being but is patterned after this age; but change your outward expression to one that comes from within and is representative of your inner being, by the renewing of your mind, resulting in your putting to the test what is the will of God, the good and well-pleasing and complete will, and having found that it meets specifications, place your approval upon it.”

## THE PROCESS OF MEDITATING ON THE WORD OF GOD



The Word of God is spiritual and is our daily nourishment. We constantly need new “input.” In the same way that last week’s breakfast will not sustain us today, we cannot survive on the Word we received ten years ago and expect to be healthy, growing Christians. We need constant fresh input from God’s Word as much as we need daily meals. The Word (Jesus) is always NOW. We have a good example of this principle in Exodus, where God fed the Israelites on a daily basis with manna.

Exodus 16:4 (NASB)

Then the Lord said to Moses, “Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you; and the people shall go out and gather a day’s portion every day, that I may test them, whether or not they will walk in My instruction.

We need God’s Word on a daily basis. Our relationship with God is a daily one, yesterday is gone, TODAY is the only day that counts. Remember God is the I AM.