



## Lecture 5

### Meditating On The Word

#### THE GOD-PROMISED SUPERNATURAL BLESSINGS OF MEDITATION

##### 1. A successful and prosperous life

Psalms 1:2-3 (NASB)

"But his delight is in the law [the Word of God] of the Lord; and in his law (His Word) he meditates day and night. And he will be like a tree firmly planted by the streams of water, which yields its fruit in its season; and its leaf does not wither; and in whatever he does, he prospers."

##### 2. More insight than secular teachers and the elders, even enemies

Psalms 119:97-100 (NASB)

"O how I love your law! [the Word of God] It is my meditation all the day ... your commandments [precepts, commands] make me wiser than my enemies, for they are even mine, I have more insight than all my teachers, for your testimonies are my meditation, I understand more than the aged, because I have observed your precepts."

##### 3. Power to refrain from sinning

Psalms 119:9,11 (NASB)

"How can a young man keep his way pure? By keeping it according to your Word, with all my heart I have sought you; do not let me wander from your commandments (principles)."

##### 4. A successful life that others will see

1 Timothy 4:15 (Wuest translation)

"Be diligently attending to these things; be constantly engrossed [absorbed] in them, in order that your progress may be evident to all."

##### 5. Confidence to petition God and KNOW He will do it!

John 15:7 (Wuest translation)

"If you maintain a living communion with me and my words are at home in you, I command you to ask, at once, something for yourself, whatever your heart desires, and it will become yours"

##### 6. A full, rich and peaceful life

Proverbs 3:1-2 (NASB)

"My son, forget not my teaching, but let your heart keep my commandments (precepts, commands); for length of days, and years of life, and peace, they will add to you."

## A CARNAL PERSON WILL TRY TO SOLVE THEIR PROBLEMS ALONE, WHILE REJECTING GOD'S WISDOM

In the natural, we have no resources that are able to provide permanent solutions for our problems. Yet how often do we seek to solve our problems ourselves?

1 Corinthians 1:18-21 (Wuest translation)

**“For the story, that story concerning the Cross is, on the one hand, to those who are perishing, foolishness, but to us, on the other hand, who are being saved, it is God's power. For it has been written and is at present on record, I will destroy the wisdom of those who are wise, and the discernment of those who have the ability to discern I will frustrate. Where is a philosopher, skilled in letters, cultivated, learned? Where is a man learned in the sacred scriptures? Where is a learned sophist (*scholar*) of this age, fallacious (*deceptive*) reasoner that he is? Did not God prove foolish the wisdom of this world system? For, in view of the fact that, in the wisdom of God, the world system through its wisdom did not come to have an experiential knowledge of God, God saw fit through the aforementioned foolishness of the previously alluded-to proclamation to save those who believe.”**

## RECEIVING THE WORD OF GOD WITH HUMILITY

The key to experiencing the success, prosperity and blessing that comes from meditating on the Word of God is humility. Remember James 1:21: **“...receive with meekness the implanted Word,”** If we “approach,” read and study the Word of God with pride in our hearts, the seed of the Word will not be able to take root in our lives and produce blessing and fruit.

*I don't have any pride in the way I approach the Word of God*, you may think. Have you ever struggled to accept that what you're reading in God's Word is true, because you see no evidence or “proof” in the natural? Have you ever decided something was “not relevant for today” or decided yourself, how you think the passage ought to be interpreted instead of allowing “Scripture to interpret Scripture”? When we impose our opinions, or ‘judge’ or discredit the Word because it doesn't line up with *how we feel*, or what we see in the natural, we are putting ourselves above the Word of God, which is actually pride.

1 Peter 5:5 (Wuest translation)

**“...Moreover, all of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because God opposes himself to those who set themselves above others, but gives grace to those who are lowly.”**

James 4:6 (Wuest translation)

**“Moreover, He [the Holy Spirit] gives greater grace. For this reason [in conformity with this] He [the Holy Spirit] says, God sets himself in battle array against the arrogant and haughty but gives grace to the humble and lowly.”**

We need to “exalt” the Word of God above our emotions, our (so-called) “wisdom” and what we see in the natural. The word “exalt” means ‘raise to a higher rank or position’. We need to do this with the Word of God: we need to esteem and place what God declares in His Word above how we feel in our emotions, our opinions or what we see in the natural. There is a well-known saying, ‘God says it, I believe it, That settles it.’ This needs to be our approach to the Word of God. With this attitude, we will be able to receive the Word with humility and will experience the supernatural fruit it produces in our lives.