

Remember His Word

My name is Burt Bradley. I am an elder at Freeway Bible Chapel here in Lubbock, Texas.

Today I want to talk about **remembering God's word**.

First of all, is it reasonable to believe in God? Is Christianity a credible religion? Yes! God has revealed Himself to us in at least three ways: His creation (the orderly universe), the incarnation (His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ), and the written revelation (His Word, the Bible).

The Bible says, "that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them. For since the **creation** of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse." –Romans 1:19, 20

God has also revealed Himself to us by sending His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, who is "the image of the invisible God" (Colossians 1:15). Jesus said, "He who has seen Me has seen the Father" (John 14:9).

And God has revealed Himself to us through **His word, the Holy Bible**. The Bible tells us that the Scriptures are "the sacred writings which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work." (2 Timothy 3:15-17)

His word is **living** and **active** (Hebrews 4:12). Jesus said that "MAN SHALL NOT LIVE ON BREAD ALONE, BUT ON EVERY WORD THAT PROCEEDS OUT OF THE MOUTH OF GOD." (Matthew 4:4)

Peter wrote that "you have been born again not of seed which is perishable but imperishable, *that is*, through the living and abiding word of God. For, 'ALL FLESH IS LIKE GRASS, AND ALL ITS GLORY LIKE THE FLOWER OF GRASS. THE GRASS WITHERS, AND THE FLOWER FALLS OFF, BUT THE WORD OF THE LORD ABIDES FOREVER.' And this is the word which was preached to you." (1 Peter 1:23-25)

Jeremiah wrote that "Thy words were found and I ate them, and Thy words became for me a joy and the delight of my heart" (Jeremiah 15:16)

And James wrote that "in humility receive the word implanted, which is able to save your souls. But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks at his natural face in a mirror; for *once* he has looked at himself and gone away, he has immediately forgotten what kind of person he was. But one who looks intently at the perfect law, the *law* of liberty, and abides by it, not having become a forgetful hearer but an effectual doer, this man shall be blessed in what he does." (James 1:21-25)

We should remember God's word!

George Muller said that "The vigor of our spiritual life will be in exact proportion to the place held by the Bible in our life and thoughts."

Founder of the Navigators Dawson Trotman "would challenge us to saturate our hearts, minds, and lives with the Word of God in order that we might think God's thoughts after Him. It was his prayer that through consistent Scripture memory, the Word of God would become lodged within us as the decisive influence of [our] life...."

Colossians 3:16 says, "Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you." John MacArthur writes that "Colossians 3:16 is a direct parallel to Ephesians 5:18, which says, 'And be not drunk with wine, in which is excess, but be filled with the Spirit.' Then, in 5:19-6:9, are listed the same responses to being Spirit-filled as the responses to being dominated by the Word in Colossians 3:16-4:1. The conclusion? To be filled with the Spirit means to let the Word of Christ dominate you. The Word of Christ in your heart and mind is the handle by which the Holy Spirit turns your will. To be Spirit-filled means that you are dominated by and saturated with the Word."

In Psalm 119:9, 11, the Bible says "How can a young man keep his way pure? By keeping it according to Thy word...Thy word I have **treasured** in my heart, that I may not sin against Thee."

Jesus said "If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it shall be done for you." (John 15:7)

Jesus could quote Scripture (Matthew 4), and so could Paul (Acts 13), as well as other godly men. We should follow their example!

You can memorize! Repetition is important; repetition is the grass roots of memory.

How can you memorize a verse?

Start by reading the verse several times.

Next, divide the verse into several small phrases.

Now learn the verse, one phrase at a time. Add each successive phrase as you master the one preceding it.

Finally, quote the entire verse with its reference.

Proverbs 22:17, 18 says, "Incline your ear and hear the words of the wise,

And apply your mind to my knowledge;

For it will be pleasant if you keep them within you,

That they may be ready on your lips."

And Proverbs 7:1-3 says, "My son, keep my words,

And treasure my commandments within you.

Keep my commandments and live,

And my teaching as the apple of your eye.

Bind them on your fingers;

Write them on the tablet of your heart."

Josh. 1:8 says: "This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it; for then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success."

Memorization enables us to **meditate**, which enables us to **do**, which enables us to "have good success" because we are walking in God's ways.

Memorizing and meditating on God's Word will help you overcome worry. You can experience God's perfect peace by having His promises written on your heart.

God's word can help us grow spiritually (1 Peter 2:2).

God's Word hidden in your heart is the sword of the Spirit, available for battle at any time against sin and Satan.

Scripture memory will help you keep spiritually fit. You will experience immediate benefits and become better equipped to meet future needs and opportunities.

The Bible says, "Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD is one! "And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. "And these **words**, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart;" (Deuteronomy 6:4-6)

Let's all seek to fill our hearts with God's word.