

MEDITATING ON SCRIPTURAL ASSURANCES

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GOD HAS REVEALED HIMSELF

- ◉ God has wonderfully revealed himself in many ways. Heb. 1:1-4.
- ◉ God reveals himself through nature. Ps 19:1-6.
- ◉ God had certain men to record His acts so that later generations would come to understand who He is.
- ◉ God revealed himself so that we would live in a way that honors Him and brings joy to us as His people. 2 Tim. 3:16-17.

SCRIPTURAL MEDITATION

- ⦿ Meditation doesn't mean to empty your mind of everything we can think of.
- ⦿ Meditation has to do with filling our minds with God's word thinking seriously about the Word of God.
- ⦿ Meditation has to do with asking God to give us understanding of His word.
- ⦿ We should ask questions to delve deep into the Word and derive life from it.

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- ⊙ **SPEECH** is an acronym to examine a passage of scripture and to meditate upon it.
- ⊙ Is there a **Sin** to forsake? Is there a **Promise** to claim?
- ⊙ Is there an **Example** to follow? Is there an **Error** to avoid?
- ⊙ Is there something new about **Christ** or the **Holy Spirit**?

TEXTUAL QUESTIONS

- ⦿ What did I like or dislike about the passage?
- ⦿ What does the passage teach me about God?
- ⦿ What does the passage teach me about myself and other?
- ⦿ Is there anything in the passage I do not understand and would like clarified?
- ⦿ What is God saying to me through this passage?

HOW TO MEDITATE ON SCRIPTURE

- ⦿ Read the verse a couple of times to emphasize each word as you make your way through the passage.
- ⦿ Prayerfully summarize the verse in your own words and ask God for insight as to its significance for you and others.
- ⦿ Make sure that your summary agrees with the verse in its context.

LESSONS OF ASSURANCE

- ⊙ The Assurance of Salvation 1 Jn 5:11-12
- ⊙ The Assurance of Forgiveness 1 Jn 1:9
- ⊙ The Assurance of Answered Prayer Jn 16:24
- ⊙ The Assurance of Guidance Prov. 3:5-6
- ⊙ The Assurance of Help in Temptation
1 Cor. 10:13 .

ASSURANCE OF SALVATION

- ⦿ Context: John writing to combat certain false teachers who argued that Christ was not truly human but only appeared to be so.
- ⦿ If he were not truly human he could not die for our sins in our place.
- ⦿ His baptism, death, Holy Spirit argue that he was truly a man and God and did die for our sins.

ASSURANCE OF SALVATION

- ⦿ Content: John is certain about our eternal life; he is not wishy washy he claims that this is God's own testimony.
- ⦿ There is no gray area from God's point of view either a person has the Son and therefore life or a person does not have the son.
- ⦿ Life is received by believing not earned.
- ⦿ Assurance comes primarily through listening to God in Scripture as His Spirit speaks to us.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

- ◉ Context: What is the relationship between our claim to know God and the way we live? What do we do when we sin?
- ◉ Content: John says that God is light, he is referring to God's moral and ethical purity and holiness.
- ◉ New age culture sees no connection for the most part between claims to spirituality and ways of living where love is the measure.

ASSURANCE OF ANSWERED PRAYER

- ◉ Context: Jesus is going to the Father the time of his glorification through death, resurrection and exaltation has come.
- ◉ Jesus assures the disciples of his continuing presence with them through the Holy Spirit.
- ◉ Content; If we come through the son we will receive. 1 Jn 5:14-15.
- ◉ There's joy associated with God answering our prayers especially to know God better.

ASSURANCE OF GUIDANCE

- ◉ Context: The emphasis is on truth and humility as well as trusting and honoring God.
- ◉ Content: Trust is key to all guidance that God gives to his people. We must be committed to trusting his guidance.
- ◉ God is the one with all the plans. We are not to trust with part of our heart but with all our heart.
- ◉ We are not to lean on our own understanding.

ASSURANCE OF HELP IN TEMPTATION

- ⊙ Context: Corinthians were fascinated with spiritual power, authority, and personal freedom.
- ⊙ Content: We must never think because we are saved we can sin and get away with it.
- ⊙ While we may not lose God's gracious gift of eternal life we can certainly make a mess out of our lives and others too.

CONCLUSION

- ⦿ It is hoped that these meditations might lead others to read the bible.
- ⦿ If you have mastered these assurances, you need to help someone else to do the same.
- ⦿ The bible was written to instruct us. For whatever was written in previous times was written for our instruction so that through the perseverance and encouragement of scripture we might have hope. Rom. 15:4

LET'S REVIEW

- ⦿ God has revealed himself to mankind.
- ⦿ Speech is an acronym to examine a passage of scripture and to meditate upon it.
- ⦿ Lessons of Assurance include: Assurance of Salvation, Assurance of Forgiveness, Assurance of Answered Prayer, Assurance of Guidance, Assurance of Help in Temptation.
- ⦿ If we have mastered the assurances we should help someone else to do the same.

SEE YOU SUNDAY!!!!