

Meditation of the Word Brings Hope

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Opening Summary

Why should you meditate the Word of God? This teaching will answer that question for you. So, learn or refresh yourself in this critical principle. Then, take time, like you drink your morning coffee, to meditate the Word so you can have hope for victory over every challenge.

Text: Psa. 1:1-3: Meditate means murmur, imagine, speak, study, talk the Word day and night.

- I. Meditating the Word gives greater knowledge of God and of our Lord Jesus Christ (2 Pet. 1:2).
 - A. The more you meditate the Word, the more you understand God.
 - B. I've been married to my wife for 47 years and I know her better than anyone.
- II. The Word causes you to have hope (Psa. 119:49).
 - A. Hope is vital to faith; they are connected (Heb. 11:1).
 - B. The word opens the capacity for faith to work (Heb. 11:6).
 - C. A New Testament name for God is *God of Hope* (Rom. 15:13).
 - D. Hope opens the door for blessings to come to you (Jer. 17:7).
 - E. Faith, hope and love work together (1 Cor. 13:13).
 - F. Meditating the Word helps you take advantage of a better hope (Heb. 7:19).
 1. In dark times, having hope is critical.
 2. A person without hope is trapped.
 - G. You work because you have hope for a paycheck or a promotion (1 Cor. 9:10, 14).
 - H. Build this in you so the wisdom of God can be transmitted to you in a natural setting.
- III. Here are seven points about meditating the Word and the hope of God.
 - A. Hope is an anchor of the soul (Heb. 6:17-19).
 1. An anchor holds the ship in place even though the water continues to push it.
 2. The soul is the mind will emotions. The battle is in the mind.
 3. The Word will cause you to be emotionally stable.
 - B. Hope causes the flesh to rest (Acts 2:26).
 1. It is a medical fact that your soul determines what happens to your body.
 2. Studies confirm that anxiety and worry open the door for sickness and disease.
 - C. Hope helps us to be patient (wait) so our faith can work (Rom. 5:4).
 1. The Word spoken out of your mouth keeps you patient (Mark 4:27).
 2. Meditating the Word and hope helps you endure until your faith completes the task.
 3. We rejoice in hope; we praise God in tribulation (Rom. 5:2-3).
 4. It will work; you will not be disgraced (Rom. 5:4).
 5. The love of God will be shed abroad in your heart (Rom. 5:5).
 6. You may miss your coffee, but don't miss meditating the Word.
 7. God is commending His church because of love, faith and hope (1 Thes. 1:3).

8. We are saved (i.e., delivered, protected, healed, preserved) by hope. Because we have hope we have patience (Rom. 8:24,25).
 9. It will help you have patience with the people you're praying for.
- D. Hope helps you praise to victory (Psa. 71:14).
1. Hope comes from meditating the Word.
 2. Hope helps you praise, and praise is an expression of your faith (Mark 11:24).
 3. Whatever issue you're facing, focus and meditate on what the Word says about it.
 4. A member of our church was attacked in the body and rushed to the hospital. The doctor told them bad news and said they would be in the hospital for three weeks or more. They listened to my teaching on meditating the Word. Then they meditated the Word and they were out of the hospital the next day.
 5. Take your notes and do them; act on the Word (James 1:22).
 6. One in four will do the Word (Mark 4:13-20).
 7. The ones who do not will say the wrong thing when satan's attacks come.
 8. Rejoicing in hope leads to patience in tribulation and leads to continuing instant in prayer (Rom. 12:12).
 9. The Lord speaks to you through the Bible. Don't seek a voice, seek the Word.
- E. Meditating the Word helps you overcome discouragement (Psa. 42:5-6).
1. Depression comes as a result of not meditating the Word.
 2. You can control your mind (1 Pet. 5:7; 2 Cor. 10:5).
 3. You can be angry at someone about something you think they're going to do.
- F. Meditating the Word reminds you that the anointing is in you (Col. 1:27; Phi. 4:13).
1. It reminds you of 1 John 4:4.
 2. It reminds you that you can do all things through Christ, the anointing, which strengthens you.
- G. Hope keeps you pure (1 John 3:3).
1. Meditating the Word will remind you that Jesus is coming.
 2. You will stay pure to be prepared for Jesus' return (Mat. 25:1-13; Titus 2:13).
- IV. Hope and meditation helped Abraham. Because he wasn't consistent, it took almost 25 years for God's will to come to pass in his life (Gen. 17:1; Rom. 4:16-21).
- A. *Against* means *near*. Abraham stayed near hope with his mouth. God changed his name. Every time he said his name, he was reminded of what God promised.
 - B. He praised God (Rom. 4:19).
 - C. He was fully persuaded/assured (Rom. 4:21).
 - D. Then Isaac appeared.
- V. Paul was in the storm when all hope was gone (Acts 27:14-44).
- A. Paul was silent for a long time; an angel had appeared to him.
 - B. He meditated on what the angel said.
 - C. Then he told the others what the angel told him.
 - D. Everyone became glad and were all saved. Your hope affects those around you.

Closing Summary

Hope is vital to winning and victory. As you take these points to heart and act on them, you will see greater results than ever before. Your hope in God will cause you to stick with it until your faith completes the task, because you meditate the Word day and night!!!