

The Power of Meditating the Word

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Opening Summary

Meditating the Word of God causes you to win! This lesson takes you back to the basics of meditating the Word. Study this as though you're going into combat. Give it your full attention, knowing you will need to use this in the days that lie ahead.

- I. Psa. 1:1: This is about the blessed man who meditates the Word.
 - A. Counsel means advice. The blessed man walks in godly counsel.
 - B. Psa. 1:1: *Way* means *the course of life* (Gen. 6:12; Pro. 16:25; Mat. 7:13).
 - C. The scornful are those who make a mockery of the Word of God.

- II. Psa. 1:2: The godly man delights in God's law.
 - A. Meditate: to murmur, imagine, speak the Scripture to yourself, study or talk.
 - B. Cast down negative thoughts and replace them with the Scripture.
 - C. "*Day and night*" describes a person who is focused on God's Word (Psa. 119:97).
 - D. When I hear the news, I apply the Word. That comes from years of meditating the Word.

- III. Psa. 1:3: The term *rivers of water* means *canals of irrigation*.
 - A. A person who meditates the Word shall always be watered.
 1. Water is a type of the Holy Ghost.
 2. That person will always have revelation and be open for wisdom.
 3. That person will be in the right place at the right time in crazy times.
 - B. *Fruit* means *reward* (Heb. 11:6).
 - C. His season: Life is about times and seasons. Don't miss your season.
 - D. Another word for season is harvest.
 - E. God has divine connections/appointments. You can miss them.
 1. I missed an opportunity on a big blessing, because I didn't listen to the Holy Ghost.
 2. The children of Israel missed their season. Later, when they moved on their own without God, many of them were killed (Num. 13:31; 14:40-45).
 - F. *Wither* means *fade away*. He will not be a shooting star that soon disappears.
 - G. The person who meditates the Word day and night will have longevity.
 - H. What he does shall prosper.
 1. They're following God, watered always, and what they do works.
 2. Joseph was treated unfairly but the Lord made him prosper (39:1).
 3. Meditating the Word can affect your sphere of influence (Gen. 39:2-5).

- IV. Psa. 1:4: Life's circumstances blow the ungodly away.
 - A. Meditate on the sayings of Jesus (Mat. 7:24-27).
 - B. Christians who meditate the Word will be blessed in all things.
 - C. Christians who don't have enough Word will suffer destruction.

- V. Psa. 1:5: *Stand* means *perform*.
- A. Judgment is a verdict. As long as you live, you will have seasons of judgment.
 - B. A stack-attack is when satan attacks you multiple times, one after another.
 - C. *Boldness* means *outspoken* (1 John 4:16-17). Jesus is full of love.
 - D. The person full of love the Word of God can stand in judgment day.
 - E. We are not immune to trouble, but it can quickly be defeated (Psa. 23:4-5).
 - F. The very first psalm is about meditation. This is not eastern religion but meditating the Word of God by mutter, talk, think upon the Word.
 - G. In a drought season this person will always have plenty (Jer. 17:8).
 - H. When you meditate, you'll hear God lead you to get out of debt or make this business move or plant seed here or there.
 - I. Then you go into a pandemic season and you have plenty.
 - J. In the middle of this pandemic, we've had one of the best years ever because we didn't miss our season.
- VI. Psa. 1:6: The Lord knows the way of the righteousness.
- VII. Meditate the Word for victory over the enemy. Joshua is a man in leadership. Pressure comes with leadership.
- A. God had to build Joshua's confidence (Jos. 1:2-6).
 1. Confidence is necessary to win.
 2. Every time he reads the scripture, it will say to him "I can" (Php. 4:13).
 - B. God told him to be strong, because He wasn't very strong at that time (Jos. 1:7).
 - C. God didn't mention military might, skill or battle experience.
 - D. The bigger the battle the more you talk the Word day and night (Jos. 1:8).
 - E. Again, God tells Joshua to be strong and courageous (Jos. 1:9).
 - F. The Word is full of God's wisdom and the anointing.
 - G. They took down the walls of Jericho according to wisdom (Jos. 6:20; Heb. 11:30).
- VIII. Then they went to Ai and the Lord told them not to take anything from the heathens.
- A. We need nothing from Washington, nor do we want lottery tickets and gambling.
 - B. If we need something, we ask God for it, because we have sown a lot of seed.
 - C. You can do that when you meditate the Word.
- IX. Get into the habit of meditating the Word.
- A. You have to read the Word and you have to meditate the Word.
 - B. I've been meditating the book of Jeremiah for several months.
 - C. You read it, then think about what it means to you and your family.
 - D. This way you'll be in the right place at the right time with the right tools.
 - E. You will not be a victim, but a victor.

Closing Summary

It's time to up your game. Increase your Word time. Read and meditate the Word more now than ever before. You may have to adjust your schedule to guard your time with God. Make a commitment to take yourself a little bit higher in faith today, so you can be prepared to win in every challenge and circumstance.