

Series: Pathway Through the Psalms

THY WORD HAVE I HID IN MINE

HEART (PT. 2)

PSALMS 119:8-16

Text: Psalms 119:11

Psalm 119:11

¹¹ Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.

Introduction:

We began looking at this passage last week.

As we stated last week it is important that we guard our hearts and we find in these verses the principles on how we can guard our heart.

In these verses we see:

The Proper Word – “Thy Word”

The Proper Place – “My Heart”

The Proper Result – “That I Might Not Sin

In this passage we see seven steps or principles that will help us guard our hearts.

If you will do the seven things that are listed here you will by God's grace for His glory and your good control your thought life.

If you don't do these things no matter how good your intentions, you're going to fail.

We looked at four of the seven steps last week.

Those four steps were:

- The Principle of Purification (vs. 9)
- The Principle of Determination (vs. 10)
- The Principle of Fortification (vs. 11)
- The Principle of Education (vs. 12)

We will consider the final three steps or principles this evening.

Sermon Content:

Note:

5. THE PRINCIPLE OF VERBALIZATION (VS. 13)

Psalm 119:13

¹³ With my lips have I declared all the judgments of thy mouth.

The word that we hide in our heart should be verbalized from our lips.

When we memorize the word of God we should verbalize it.

Verbalizing is done in several way.

The most obvious is we speak the Word of God to others.

We can not only speak the Word of God but we can sing it as well.

Often we sing songs here that have words from God's Word.

Singing Scripture is one of the best things that you can do to have the Word of God in your mouth, in your lips.

Why is it?

It is a cycle.

The Word of God goes from the heart to the mouth out and from the mouth back to the heart and one builds upon another.

We need to learn the Word of God – the Principle of Education, and then we should share the Word of God – The Principle of Verbalization.

Note Revelation 12:

Revelation 12:10-11

*¹⁰ And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night. ¹¹ And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and **by the word of their testimony;** and they loved not their lives unto the death.*

We too should be giving the word of our testimony.

You can encourage yourself with our testimony:

*And can it be that I should gain
An int'rest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain?
For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! how can it be
That Thou, my God, should die for me?
Refrain:*

*Amazing love! how can it be
That Thou, my God, should die for me!*

When Satan tries to discourage you or gets on your trail with some dirty fault, some foul thing, some temptation, you can give your testimony.

When your heart is clean (Purification) and your heart and mind is determined (Determination) and you allow the Lord to bring to pass that which you have determined (Fortification) when you allow the Lord to teach you and you hide God's Word in your heart (Education) you can say (Verbalization) you can say to Satan – Your back was broken at Calvary. You are defeated, and you have no right or authority in my life you are trespassing on my Father's preaching.

I belong the Lord:

*Jesus, my Lord will love me forever,
From Him no pow'r of evil can sever,
He gave His life to ransom my soul;
Now I belong to Him;*

*Chorus
Now I belong to Jesus,
Jesus belongs to me,
Not for the years of time alone,
But for eternity.*

*Once I was lost in sin's degradation,
Jesus came down to bring me salvation,
Lifted me up from sorrow and shame,
Now I belong to Him;*

Chorus

*Now I belong to Jesus,
Jesus belongs to me,
Not for the years of time alone,
But for eternity.*

*Joy floods my soul for Jesus has saved me,
Freed me from sin that long had enslaved me
His precious blood, He came to redeem,
Now I belong to Him;*

Chorus

*Now I belong to Jesus,
Jesus belongs to me,
Not for the years of time alone,
But for eternity.*

Draw nigh to God and He will draw nigh to you. Resist the devil. He will flee from you. We need to learn to verbalize the Word of God.

We have consider last week and this evening The Principle of Purification, The Principle of Determination, The Principle of Fortification, The Principle of Education, and The Principle of Verbalization, not also:

6. THE PRINCIPLE OF EVALUATION

Psalm 119:14

¹⁴ I have rejoiced in the way of thy testimonies, as much as in all riches.

Illustration: Moses

Hebrews 11:23-26

²³ By faith Moses, when he was born, was hid three months of his parents, because they saw he was a proper child; and they were not afraid of the king's commandment. ²⁴ By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; ²⁵ Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; ²⁶ Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompence of the reward.

Moses made a decision. He saw the pleasures of sin. He saw the riches of Christ. He made an evaluation and when he made an evaluation, then he made a choice. And after he made the choice, then Moses refused to

be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter. He refused to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season, choosing rather to suffer affliction with the children of God. Why? Because he esteemed the riches of Christ greater than all the treasure of Egypt.

We too must make an evaluation.

If people would just pause for a moment and think or evaluate their life honestly it would be so beneficial and the choices that we make would most often be right choices.

Illustration: Joshua

Joshua 24:14-15

*¹⁴ Now therefore fear the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in truth: and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the flood, and in Egypt; and serve ye the LORD. ¹⁵ And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, **choose you this day** whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.*

We should base our decision form a biblical evaluation.

1 Thessalonians 5:21

²¹ Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.

Let me move one and consider one final thought or principle.

We have considered The Principle of Purification, The Principle of Determination, The Principle of Fortification, The Principle of Education, The Principle of Verbalization, and the Principle of Evaluation.

Let me move one and consider one final thought or principle.

7. THE PRINCIPLE OF MEDITATION

Psalm 119:15

¹⁵ ***I will meditate*** in thy precepts, and have respect unto thy ways.

Meditation is a powerful, powerful force to keep your mind pure.

Understand that there are three elements in meditation – time, quietness, and concentration.

If you will spend some time concentrating on the Word of God and thinking about it, it will do something wonderful for your thought life.

The word "meditate" has two thoughts.

It has the idea of a cow that is chewing his cud.

The Word of God is like that.

You ingest it, you digest it, and then you chew it over and over again and again.

It is also like a tune, you cannot get it out of your mind.

Note some other verses in this chapter that speaks about meditating on the Word of God.

Psalm 119:23

²³ Princes also did sit and speak against me: but thy servant did meditate in thy statutes.

Psalm 119:48

⁴⁸ My hands also will I lift up unto thy commandments, which I have loved; and I will meditate in thy statutes.

Psalm 119:97

⁹⁷ O how love I thy law! it is my meditation all the day.

Close:

We have considered seven principles from this passage that will help us guard our mind or heart.

Put these things into practice.

Don't try to teach these things to someone else if we are not practicing them first.