

Psalm 119

Week 10, v.11-12

Ps 119:11 Thy word I have treasured in my heart, that I may not sin against Thee.

Treasured <tsaphan> to hide, to hoard or reserve, to protect

To treasure something means to be attached to it, to hold it dear, to cherish it. How do you know what people treasure? If someone were to look at your life or have a conversation with you, what would they say you treasure?

Job 23:12 "I have not departed from the command of His lips; I have treasured the words of His mouth more than my necessary food.

Most of us wouldn't go without food for very long. In fact, much of the food we eat is in surplus of being 'necessary'. Job says he treasures God's word more than his necessary food. What do you think treasuring God's word more than food would look like? How often have we taken the time to eat and yet not made the time to be in communion with God through His word? Is your appetite for the Truth stronger than your appetite for food?

Pr 2:1-5 My son, if you will receive my sayings, And treasure my commandments within you, Make your ear attentive to wisdom, Incline your heart to understanding; For if you cry for discernment, Lift your voice for understanding; If you seek her as silver, And search for her as for hidden treasures; Then you will discern the fear of the LORD, And discover the knowledge of God.

Look at the points of action listed in the above scripture that speaks to following wisdom. Where does wisdom come from? Job 28

We should accept it, treasure it, be attentive to it, and take care to understand it, seek after discernment and understanding from God just as we would a precious treasure.

Ps 37:30-31 The mouth of the righteous utters wisdom, And his tongue speaks justice. The law of his God is in his heart; His steps do not slip.

We are to treasure God's word in our heart <leb> which means the feelings, the will and even the intellect; likewise the centre of anything.

According to Psalm 119:11, what is the result of treasuring God's word in your heart?

" That I may not sin against Thee" .

Think of specific areas of sin you may be struggling with right now, what is the solution to overcoming your weaknesses?

If God' s word is treasured in my heart, mind and soul , then I am ready at all times to fight against the temptation of sin.

...if we have it only in our houses and hands, enemies may take it from us; if only in our heads, our memories may fail us: but if our hearts be delivered into the mould of it, and the impressions of it remain on our souls, it is safe.

Matthew Henry' s Commentary on the Whole Bible

Does your Bible sit in the trunk of your car just to be taken out on Sunday and brought to church? Is it enough to just hear the word or read the word?

I have not contented myself with bare hearing or reading thy word, but have received it in the love of it, have diligently pondered it, and laid it up in my mind and memory like a choice treasure, to be ready upon all occasions, to counsel, or comfort, or quicken, or caution me, as need requires; that by a diligent and affectionate consideration of thy precepts, and promises, and threatenings, I might be kept from sinful courses, against which these are the best antidote. Matthew Poole' s Commentary

Spurgeon asks this question regarding Ps 119:11- “ Can all in this family say what David here declares” ?

Col 3:16-17 Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms [and] hymns [and] spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do in word or deed, [do] all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father.

He (David) did not wear a text on his heart as a charm, but he hid it in his heart as a rule... First, we must mind that what we believe is truly God's word; that being done, we must hide or treasure it each man for himself; and we must see that this is done, not as a mere feat of the memory, but as the joyful act of the affections... There is no hiding from sin unless we hide the truth in our souls. Treasury of David

Do you believe in the power of God' s word to keep you from sin? Do you use the power of God' s word to keep you from sin?

It is important to have people involved in our lives, to receive teaching based on the word alone, to get counsel from mature believers. But, we must go to God' s word for ourselves and search for His answers. We don' t follow a person or someone' s opinion, we follow a perfect God. People will fail, God never will.

Ps 19:7-14 The law of the LORD is perfect, restoring the soul; The testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple. The precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; The commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes. The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; The judgments of the LORD are true; they are righteous altogether. They are more desirable than gold, yes,

than much fine gold; Sweeter also than honey and the drippings of the honeycomb. Moreover, by them Thy servant is warned; In keeping them there is great reward. Who can discern [his] errors? Acquit me of hidden [faults.] Also keep back Thy servant from presumptuous [sins]; Let them not rule over me; Then I shall be blameless, And I shall be acquitted of great transgression. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart Be acceptable in Thy sight, O LORD, my rock and my Redeemer.

Where does your treasure lie? Thieves can steal whatever is hid around you; no one can take what is in your heart. What precautions have you taken to keep you from sin? Does something need to change?

Ps 119:12 Blessed art Thou, O LORD; Teach me Thy statutes.

How do you acknowledge God? Think of Who He is and what He has done. Think of the mercy He has shown His children. When you contemplate your need of God and His grace towards you, are you drawn to your knees in adoration? The King of Kings and Lord of Lords knows your name and has reached down to your place of lowliness to touch you with His grace. God desires to show you His ways. " Blessed are you Lord! Teach me, please! "

Ps 86:11 Teach me Thy way, O LORD; I will walk in Thy truth; Unite my heart to fear Thy name.

Ps 119:27 Make me understand the way of Thy precepts, So I will meditate on Thy wonders.

Ps 119:64 The earth is full of Thy lovingkindness, O LORD; Teach me Thy statutes.

Ps 119:66 Teach me good discernment and knowledge, For I believe in Thy commandments.

Ps 119:68 Thou art good and doest good; Teach me Thy statutes.

Ps 143:10 Teach me to do Thy will, For Thou art my God; Let Thy good Spirit lead me on level ground.

Lu 24:45 Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures,

Joh 14:26 "But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you.

Verse 12 is an example of coming before God with adoration and a humble realization of the need to be taught by Him concerning His commands.

No sooner is the word in the heart than a desire arises to mark and learn it. When food is eaten, the next thing is to digest it; and when the word is received into the soul, the first prayer is -- Lord, teach me its meaning. Treasury of David

What do you need to do to learn something? Think of the steps you go through to learn. What are they? How about the steps needed to understand and to apply information? When you were in school, what did you do to pass an exam?

Think of all the teachers you have had in the past. What do they have in common? How would you describe the best instructor you have ever had? Why?

Do you submit yourself to God to be taught by Him, to learn to walk in His ways? You have the best teacher, One who does not make mistakes and knows the subject perfectly. How much effort do you put into being an exemplary student?

To call God blessed is to praise Him, an act of adoration, literally to kneel down in praise.

2Sa 22:4 "I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised; And I am saved from my enemies.

Ps 21:13 Be Thou exalted, O LORD, in Thy strength; We will sing and praise Thy power.

Ps 22:23 You who fear the LORD, praise Him; All you descendants of Jacob, glorify Him, And stand in awe of Him, all you descendants of Israel.

Ps 28:6-7 Blessed be the LORD, Because He has heard the voice of my supplication. The LORD is my strength and my shield; My heart trusts in Him, and I am helped; Therefore my heart exults, And with my song I shall thank Him.

Ps 68:19 Blessed be the Lord, who daily bears our burden, The God [who] is our salvation. Selah.

Ps 89:1,5 (A Maskil of Ethan the Ezrahite.) I will sing of the lovingkindness of the LORD forever; To all generations I will make known Thy faithfulness with my mouth. And the heavens will praise Thy wonders, O LORD; Thy faithfulness also in the assembly of the holy ones.

Ps 107:8 Let them give thanks to the LORD for His lovingkindness, And for His wonders to the sons of men!

Ps 118:1 Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; For His lovingkindness is everlasting.

Ps 138:2 I will bow down toward Thy holy temple, And give thanks to Thy name for Thy lovingkindness and Thy truth; For Thou hast magnified Thy word according to all Thy name.

Ps 145:3,21 Great is the LORD, and highly to be praised; And His greatness is unsearchable. My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD; And all flesh will bless His holy name forever and ever.

Ps 148:13 Let them praise the name of the LORD, For His name alone is exalted; His glory is above earth and heaven.

Ps 150:2 Praise Him for His mighty deeds; Praise Him according to His excellent greatness.

Isa 25:1 O LORD, Thou art my God; I will exalt Thee, I will give thanks to Thy name; For Thou hast worked wonders, Plans [formed] long ago, with perfect faithfulness.

Isa 61:10 I will rejoice greatly in the LORD, My soul will exult in my God; For He has clothed me with garments of salvation, He has wrapped me with a robe of righteousness, As a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, And as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

1Ch 16:25 For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; He also is to be feared above all gods.

Heb 13:15 Through Him then, let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that give thanks to His name.

Jude 1:24-25 Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy, to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, [be] glory, majesty, dominion and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

Re 4:11 "Worthy art Thou, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for Thou didst create all things, and because of Thy will they existed, and were created."

Re 15:4 "Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify Thy name? For Thou alone art holy; For ALL THE NATIONS WILL COME AND WORSHIP BEFORE THEE, For Thy righteous acts have been revealed."

Read through the questions on your "Apply It" bookmark. Consider Psalm 119:11-12 and pray that God will show you His application to your life. Diligently work on memorizing the first 12 verses of Psalm 119. Have a blessed holiday season focused on our most precious gift, Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

**Ps 92:1 It is good to give thanks to the LORD,
And to sing praises to Thy name, O Most High;**