

# Meditating On God's Word

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C. Elijah Bronner: Thank you for joining Brothers of the Word, because brother you need the word.

We welcome all of you joining us by television and those of you joining us online at BrotheroftheWord.com, Facebook Live, thank you for streaming us and tuning in to be with us in today's service; always a wonderful delight and joy to have you to join us.

Well, we would like to share just a little humor: A salesman called a particular house and a little boy answered the phone and the salesman said, "May I speak with your mother?" The little boy said, "She's not home." Well, the salesman said, "Is anyone else there?" The little boy said, "Yes, my sister." He said, "Well, may I speak with her?" And the little boy said, "Sure," and he dropped the phone and he was gone for an extended amount of time. When he finally returned, the little boy said, "Hello," and the salesman said, "I thought you were going to get your sister?" The little boy said, "I was but I wasn't able to lift her out of the crib."

Well, we'd started a series last time and this was a question that actually Brother Julian brought up in men's ministry. He asked a question about how to meditate on God's word and we turned it into a series just to answer his question. So we thank him, we thank him for the question. Well, we used two scriptural texts. We used Joshua 1:8 which says, "This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth but thou shalt meditate," everybody say, "Meditate." "Therein, day and night that thou mayest observe to do all that is written therein for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous and then thou shalt have good success." And then Psalms 1:1-3 "Blessed is the man that walk not in the counsel of the ungodly nor standeth in the way of sinners nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and

in his law doth he meditate,” everybody say, “Meditate.” “Day and night and he shall be like a tree, planted by the rivers of water that bringeth forth his fruit and his season, his leaf also shall not wither and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.”

So, we’re talking about meditating on God’s word and this is part two. And then I was looking through the Psalms, particularly Psalms 119. In fact, if you have your Bibles, open your Bibles to Psalm 119 and we’ll see the meditation was a big part of the psalmist life, particularly shared here in Psalms 119. Look at verse 15 and 16, Psalms 119 verse 15 and 16. It says, “I will meditate in thy precepts and have respect unto thy ways, I will delight myself in they statutes, I will not forget thy word.” Also, look at verse 23 and verse 24, Psalms 119, look at verse 23 and verse 24, “Princes also did seat and speak against me but thy servant did meditate in thy statutes, thy testimonies also are my delight and my counselors,” and look at verse 48, “My hands also will I lift up unto thy commandments which I have loved and I will meditate in thy statutes and look at verses 97 through 99, we’re still in Psalms 119, 97 to 99 and it says, “Oh how I love thy law. It is my meditation all the day, thou through thy commandments has made me wiser than mine enemies for they are ever with me. I have more understanding than all my teachers for thy testimonies are my meditation.”

So, we see that meditating on God’s word gives us greater insights, gives us greater wisdom, gives us greater knowledge and so some things are opened up to us when we meditate on God’s word. So, notice the wisdom that came into the psalmist’s life, he noticed wisdom coming into his life as a result of meditating on God’s word.

And then, the last verse we’ll look at in Psalms 119 is verse 148, Psalm 119:148, 148 says, “Mine eyes prevent the night watches that I might meditate in thy word,” and so he said, “I keep myself from falling asleep, I stay up all night meditating on your word,” and so you can tell the psalmist really enjoyed meditating on God’s word, he enjoyed meditating on God’s word and we defined meditate -- we said it is to quietly repeat the scriptures. So you quietly repeat the scriptures. We said, it’s to converse with ourselves, concerning the great things contained in God’s word.

We said, it means to mutter, to reflect, to ponder, to think about, to contemplate something as one repeats the word so you’re

contemplating it as you're muttering it, as you're repeating the words, you're contemplating, you're thinking about it, you're pondering it, you're reflecting it. We said it means to mull over and over, to chew on, to ruminate and so it's going over and over in your mind and you're saying it and you're thinking about it, you're saying it and in its simplest form, that's meditating on God's word when you quietly repeat the scriptures, when you quietly repeat the scriptures.

And then we started talking about some different ways that you can meditate on God's word and you can meditate on a particular scripture. You can meditate on a particular scripture. I told you about a man who meditated on one scripture and he was healed and he got a revelation on one scripture and one scripture will do the job turning they would say, "One scripture will do the job." One scripture will do the job. So, he meditated on one scripture until it finally exploded in his spirit and divine healing came into his body simply by meditating on one scripture, one scripture.

We also talked about another way to meditate on God's word is thinking about the truths from a whole book of scripture. So, you can take a whole book of the Bible and I demonstrated last time, 1 John and so I kind of gave you all the principles contained in 1 John; some of the great truths of 1 John and how I just meditate and love 1 John.

Well, today, I want to do it with the book of Hebrews. The book of Hebrews, I tied on the book of Hebrews a few weeks ago and I jotted down several truths in the book of Hebrews and these are the things I think about, these are the things I meditate on, just from the book of Hebrews and I begin to grasp the whole book simply by meditating on certain key truths contained in the book.

Well, some things I think about in the book of Hebrews, I think about the fact that we have a great high priest who has passed into the heavens and he is touched with the feeling of our infirmity, meaning that he lived the human experience, he knows what we go through. So, we have someone who can identify and relate to us in all of life, we have a high priest.

Anybody ever seen the show, Undercover Boss? Anybody ever seen this show, Undercover Boss? Well, those of you who haven't seen, Undercover Boss is a show about different CEOs of different companies and they'll take a lowly position in the company and

they'll go in disguise, so they'll disguise themselves and then they will go to work in the plant or go work in shipping yard or they're going to work in one of the individual stores as a clerk. And so, they disguise themselves and they just show up to work in one of the entry-level positions in the company and these are generally big companies and one interesting thing about the show is that when the CEO comes down out of his oval office, and he has on overalls and he's now working in the warehouse, he's now getting his hands dirty and now he's relating to the people because he sees how hard it is in those positions.

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He realized how little money they make. He also realized the difficulties involved and he realized the equipment that they need. And he realized all of these things. So, when he finally revealed some self and he returns to the oval office without fail, the CEO makes changes. And he makes changes because now, he himself can identify, he can relate to. He can relate to those lowly positions because he himself was there. He knows what it's like not to have nothing, not to have this equipment, and he knows the demands.

So, because he experienced it himself and now he's on a high position, he can do something about it. Folks, we have Jesus who came to earth! He lived as a man as we lived and there he's exalted into the heavens and we have a high priest that is touched with the feeling out of infirmities.

Jesus knows what it feels like, he knows what it feels like, oh, he knows what it feels like in all of life. He's seen sickness and suffering firsthand. He's seen failure. He's seen it all firsthand. So we have someone that we can go to. Well, that's all in the Book of Hebrews.

I also learned in the Book of Hebrews, that we have a better covenant based on better promises is based on a better sacrifice. The blood was taken to heaven and spilled in a better tabernacle. He is a better high priest than any priest has ever lived. So, I learned that everything is better, a better covenant, better promises, better sacrifice, better high priest, better covenant and all of these things are in the Book of Hebrews. So I also meditate on that. I think about that and I'm thinking about that that I have this great high priest who has passed into the -- also in the

Book of Hebrews I think about the fact, God himself said, He said that, "I'm going to make this new covenant with you." This is in the Book of Hebrews.

And He said the three main parts of this new covenant. Number one, "I'll be merciful to your unrighteousness and I'll remember your sins no more." Number two, "Every man will know me for themselves." Number three, "My law would be written in your heart." Prayers, God man, those are the three things that in the new covenant. Well, that's all in the Book of Hebrews. So, I just meditate.

You know in the Book of Hebrews, I think about in the Book of Hebrews how in the first three chapters it talks about how everything in the world is uphill by the power of his word, everything is uphill by the word of his power. I think about Hebrews, Chapter 4 that says, "How God's words are sharper than any two-edged sword, dividing a son the soul and the spirit joins and (00:13:09), discerning the thoughts and intents of the heart." Well, that's in the Hebrews.

I also think about in the Book of Hebrews, of course, you get over into Chapter 11. Chapter 11 is a Great Hall of Fame of Faith. Now, faith is the stuff that the things hold for. The evidence of the things not to seen. Man, that you go all down through the Hall of Fame of Faith and then you get over into Chapter 12 and says, "Let us lay aside every weight and send that thus so easily but set us and let us run the race that's before us." Seeing we have this great cloud of -- so that's how I meditate. Give me a hand for the -- that's the whole Book of Hebrew. That's the whole Book of Hebrews. That's the whole Book of Hebrews.

So, I take the whole book so I'm able to meditate on the whole book simply by extracting the main truths and the main parts of the whole book so I can meditate on the whole Book of Hebrews.

So we learn to meditate on God's word. You start loving being stuck in traffic. You start loving being in a long slow line, because you now have something to do with your time. When I get so excited -- you know when there's a traffic, jam up, and it's like it's going just to be stuck for two hours, I can say, "Yeepee, (00:14:23) I get to meditate on God's word."

So, it changes your whole viewpoint, it changes your whole viewpoint about delays and about being stuck in line or stuck in traffic. You could be at the airport, find out there's a two-hour delay. I'm like, "Yes, yes, yes", because God's word has become my delay. God's word has become my meditation and I can meditate on God's word. Now, when you meditate on God's word, man, it gets down into your heart. When you meditate on anything, it gets down into your heart. So if you want anything to get in your heart, you want it to be God's word, you want it to be the power of God's word.

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One time, I was watching something it got down into my heart. And this was, I don't know. I went through a period of time, for some reason I was watching these movies, I was watching -- I can't explain why I was doing it. But I had become fascinated with not really horror movies, but for instance, there would be like a pack of crazy dogs that were attacking people. For some reason, I became fascinated with those type of movies. So I was watching these crazy dogs and they had one movie I was watching of course crazy birds. So, I was watching all of these, one with the alligators and -- for some reason it was just attracting me. So, every day of the week, I will watch at least one movie a day with these crazy attack animals in it.

And finally, I started having dreams about it. And I said, "Wait a minute, this is the going down into my heart." So, I had to cut down this out. I don't want to watch it (00:15:55). I didn't want that to get down in my heart, but of course it got in my heart, I started dreaming about it. And when I thought about it, I said, "The reason this is in my heart is because I was watching it every day." And I said, "Man, whatever you're watching, whatever you're giving your attention to, it eventually gets into your heart." And I said, "I don't understand how we have to guard our gates, we have to guard our eye gate, and you have to guard your ear gate. You have to guard your mouth gate. You have to guard what you're thinking about", because it gets into your heart and out of your heart flows the issues of life. So I cut those movies off. So turn to your neighbor and I say, "Cut off those crazy movies."

But anyway, you want to feel your time meditating on God's word. So you can meditate on a particular scripture or you can meditate

on the whole book, you can meditate on the subject, you can meditate on one subject.

One of the things I like to meditate on, I like to think about the plan of God. I like to meditate on the plan of God, just how awesome it is. The fact that God has everything in Heaven and earth under his control, under his authority. He can use everything in Heaven and earth is all under His rule. He can use it to bring His plan to the pass. So, I love to just meditate on the awesome plan of God, that Guy can stir up somebody's spirit over China to do what he needs to do to reach somebody in India.

So, I'd just like to think about that sometimes, I just like to think about the awesomeness of God's infinite wisdom. And I think about His awesome divinity and his awesome wisdom just the riches of His wisdom. So, I just love to think about the plan of God. Listen to this scripture, this is Psalms 63:6, it says, "I lie awake thinking of you, meditating on you through the night." That's Psalm 63:6. "I lie awake thinking of you, meditating on you through the night." Here is something that Frederick Faber says, he says, "Only to sit and think of God, oh what a joy it is! To think the thought, to breathe the name, earth has no higher bliss. Only to sit and think of God." What we love, we think of. What we love, we think of. So that's why we have the awesome privilege of thinking of God, meditating on his word, because we love God.

Now, here is something, we get a great clue in Proverbs Chapter 4 Verse 20 about meditating on a word. It says, "My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings. Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart; for their life to those that find them, health to all their flesh." So God says these words of life, they are health or medicine. Later, Hebrew says, "Medicine. God's words are medicine. God's words are medicine." They are life thine flesh, medicine to all of our flesh. God's word is life. So if you have any physical problems, take God's medicine. His words are life and health or medicine to all our flesh, all our flesh, God's words are life.

Notice what it says, "My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings and let them not depart from thine eyes". So you have to keep them before your eyes. Everybody say, "Keep them before your eyes." That's a part of meditating on God's word is using your imagination, being able to see God's word fulfilled in your life, seeing God's word fulfilled in your life and you begin

to see it. There was a man he was on his death bed and he said on his death bed, he was just seeing the funeral. He was still alive, but he was seeing the funeral. So, he saw the people coming by the house, he saw the people bringing fried chicken.

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He said he saw the processional of the flowers. He was just laying in bed seeing the whole funeral. He said he saw the processional of the funeral home of all the limousines driving through town. He was seeing it. He said he finally realized that he had to change what he was seeing if he wanted to live. So you have to keep God's word before your eyes. So you want to see in line with God's word. And that's the power that God gives us through our imagination. You can see yourself having what God's word says you have. Even before you physically possess it, you can see it through the power of the imaginations and that's keeping his word before your eyes.

You remember Abraham, when God gave Abraham the promise, he gave Abraham something to look at, so Abraham looked at the stars. Now see, God told Abraham, "Look at the stars because your seed will outnumber the stars. Count the stars Abraham," for God gave him a vision and God gave him something to look at, he's keeping the word before his eyes. So I can imagine Abraham would be lying out in night just under the stars thinking about his kids trying to count them. See, he was meditating on God's word by keeping it in front of his eyes. So, what you see, that's keeping God's words before your eyes, keeping His word before your eyes, keeping His word before your eyes. And there are several ways you can do that. If you use your imagination, you see yourself.

I remember Brother Hagan went to visit a woman, she was 82 years old and her stomach was out like she was pregnant. And she was dying of -- she had a stomach tumor, cancer in the stomach. So, Brother Hagan went to try to minister divine healing until she told him, she said, "Just leave me lone and let me die." He said, "I won't do it." He said, "You're not giving God any glory dying like this." He said, "If you want to die, let God heal you first and then die if you want to." He won't let her die. So he told her, he said, "I want you to start seeing yourself well." Then this woman happened to be an Evangelist. He says, "See yourself preaching again, see yourself traveling again, see

yourself holding crusades again, see yourself getting people healed again.” And he told her that and he left.

So about a year later, Brother Hagan said, he was at a meeting, he was straightening up one of his book tables in the back. And he said, this woman came up from behind him and picked him up. He said, he pushed her off and he turned around and she said, “You don’t recognize me, do you?” he said, “No, I don’t.” And she said, “I’m the 82-year-old woman that you came and you wouldn’t let me die.” And you told to me that see myself well, to see my stomach flat, to see myself preaching again, to see myself managing(ph) again”, she said, “I want you to know, God help me! God help me, because I kept the word before my eyes, and I began to see it.” You have to see in line with God’s word and us meditating on God’s word. You have to see yourself, turn to him and see it. You have to see it. You have to see it. You have to see it.

I have a couple of you, I have those pictures of you, you can put them up. This is something my daughter does with the word, this is a bedroom door to my daughter’s bedroom. This is only half of the door, my camera wouldn’t zoom out to get the whole door, but this is all I have. But these are scriptures that she put on index cards and it is so powerful. The Bible says in the Book of Deuteronomy, “Write them on the door post,” and Deuteronomy 6 and Deuteronomy 11 says, “Write my word on your door post.” So, my daughter she wrote them on index cards, whole door full of scriptures. And I stand there from time to time just to be refreshed. Man, when you feel weary, when you feel tired, when you feel like you can’t go on, I just go stand in front of that door. I call it the “Door of Hope.”

It’s a Door of Hope, it’s a Door of Renewal. You can put the second picture up if you have it. Now this is right above her bed where she did it right above her bed and she took God’s word and she made all type of little arts and crafts. But these are all scriptures that she creatively put in arts and crafts. So every time before she lays down, she has to see that. When she gets up in the morning, she has to see that. See, that’s keeping the word before your eyes. That’s keeping the word before your eyes. Turn to your neighbor and say, “Keep it before your eyes. Keep it before your eyes. Keep it before your eyes.”

Well, I'm going to stop right there. I'm not done. I'm just stopping. I'm just following it. I'm not done. Well, were going to continue speaking on meditating on God's word. Now, I want to continue to share with you because I told you, I have outlined the epistles. So I've been going through all the epistles outlining them, and I've been meditating on the epistles. I just want to share with you the (00:24:33) and the truths I pull out of each epistle and I'll let you repeat them and we'll meditate on God's word, praise God, praise God, praise God.

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