



Episode 007

God's Word in Intercession

Introduction

I exhort those of you who are interested in developing a stronger prayer life, to pray the scriptures during your personal times with God. God guides us through the Divine Plumbline, God's Word itself. The bible is our anchor for life. God's Word helps us pray with greater power and accuracy.

Benefits of Praying the Bible (God's Word)

Spiritual alignment

You begin to see things from a biblical and heavenly perspective instead of the world's viewpoint.

Col 3:2

Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things

God-renewed prayers

When you pray scriptures, you pray with fresh strength from God. You begin to pray things you have never prayed before because God provides new insights from His Word.

Eph 1:18

I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints



Praying with godly authority and defeating the enemy's lies with God's truth.

Praying the Bible in the power of the Holy Spirit gives you a confidence and an authority because you are praying His truth, His will and His ways. Praying the biblical directives defeats the enemy because you are praying the very purposes of God. Satan is the father of lies, and when you pray the Bible, you pray God's truth.

Jer 23:29

Is not my word like fire,' declares the Lord, ' and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

Leads to the next level of intercession

You are taken to a higher dimension in God, His truth permeates your life dramatically.

Isa 55:9

As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts

Cultivate a greater passion for Jesus

The Holy Spirit reveals the Son of God through the words of the Bible, deepening our passion for Jesus.

Prov 23:17

Do not let your heart envy sinners, but always be zealous for the fear of the Lord

Drawn to a deeper understanding of God's grace

Learn the language of repentance. The bible helps us express ourselves creatively and with deep reality.

Psa 51:2

Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin



Praying God's Word into Being

The word of God is a seed that grows. When God speaks His word, He is sprinkling seeds that will bring forth His goodness and His purpose. The word of God always produces, and never returns void. When we are guided by the Holy Spirit, speak God's word into situations, we are sowing the promises of God, the immutable truth of God's word. Then He will cause life everlasting to spring forth from those seeds.

Claim life verses

Scriptures that personally speak to you, pray them daily.

Psa 119:162

I rejoice in your promise like one who finds great spoil

2 Peter 3:9

The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise

Claim a promise for a specific situation

God builds your faith when you pray certain promises over and over in difficult circumstances.

1 Kings 8:20

The Lord has kept the promise he made

Psa 119:50

My comfort in my suffering is this: Your promise preserves my life

Claim prayer promises as God brings them to mind

Memorising scripture helps because the word of God is planted in your heart, ready at all times for prayer.



Phil 4:13

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

Claim prayer promises as you read the Bible

Pray back to God the scriptures that have impacted your spirit. This will transform your life and situations.

Psa 119:140

Your promises have been thoroughly tested, and your servant loves them

Speak and proclaim God's word over your city or nation

Doing this will have a powerful effect that will break the power of evil over the land, especially when there is corporate, united prayer.

Numb 23:19

Does he speak and then not act? Does he promise and not fulfill?

Meditation and Prayer

Meditating on God's word is essential for a powerful prayer life. Bible meditation guides us deeper with God, enabling us to pray on-target prayers and helping us to know God's ways more deeply.

True meditation through God's word is key to a life of spiritual fruitfulness. It is the digestive faculty of the soul. It nourishes: builds us up and refreshes and feeds our souls.

Biblical meditation involves taking a phrase, verse, or passage of scripture and thinking carefully about it, pondering and letting the Holy Spirit slowly make it alive within you.



Meditation of God's Word creates faith and expectation. Meditation focuses our thinking on God's word. Through meditation, we come to know God personally, not just about Him. Through meditation, we grow in our love for God's word.

Get to know God. This goes beyond just knowing about Him. We get to know Him personally as our king, our Rock, our Redeemer, our Saviour.

Psa 19:14

May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, o Lord, my Rock, My Redeemer

Hear God's voice and keep from sin.

Psa 119:11

I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you

Spiritually transformed and insight gained. We will always grow and God will change our hearts through meditation.

Psa 119:99

I have more insight than all my teachers, for I meditate on your statutes

Walk in obedience. It helps us to obey God and enables us to do the right thing in a moment that requires a sudden choice. God's Word within you, you recall and seek to obey.

Joshua 1:7

Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go

Meditating on the scriptures will cause us to understand something of the mind and heart of God. When God's Word is well assimilated into our lives, it has the power to transform us towards Christlikeness. Hence the journey to a more effective prayer life.





Discussion Questions

1. Describe your journey in praying God's Word. How has it been for you? Share a testimony of how you are drawn closer to the Lord through praying scriptures.
2. How has meditation of God's Word transformed your life? Share your experience.
3. In what aspect of today's lesson is God encouraging you to grow in so as to develop a stronger prayer life.





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