



Nothing Better than the Word!

Shall we feast!

(Psa 119:1-11 KJV)
 ALEPH. Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the LORD. {2} Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, and that seek him with the whole heart. {3} They also do no iniquity: they walk in his ways. {4} Thou hast commanded us to keep thy precepts diligently. {5} O that my ways were directed to keep thy statutes! {6} Then shall I not be ashamed, when I have respect unto all thy commandments. {7} I will praise thee with uprightness of heart, when I shall have learned thy righteous judgments. {8} I will keep thy statutes: O forsake me not utterly. {9} BETH. Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed *thereto* according to thy word.



{10} With my whole heart have I sought thee: O let me not wander from thy commandments. {11} Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.

There is nothing more powerful, more awesome, and more delivering than God's Word. God gave us his Word; we are to give him our all.

There will be no shame [disappointment] if we:

- We are to walk in his Word.
- We are to keep his testimonies.

- We are to seek him with our whole hearts.
- When we walk in his ways, we are not supposed to sin.
- We are to keep his precepts [mandates] diligently.
- We direct our ways to keep his statutes [appointments].
- We are to respect all of God's Word.
- We are to praise God with an upright heart.
- We are to learn about God's righteous judgments [judicial pronouncements – sentences].
- We are to claim that we keep his statutes [appointments].
- We are to commit our whole hearts to seek God.
- We are to not wander [transgress, be enraptured] from his Word.
- We are to hide [protect] God's Word in our hearts to prevent 'missing the mark'.

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The Hidden Word.

Just like Moses' mother hid Moses to prevent his death:

(Exo 1:22 – 2:2 KJV) And Pharaoh charged all his people, saying, Every son that is born ye shall cast into the river, and every daughter ye shall save alive. {2:1} And there went a man of the house of Levi, and took to wife a daughter of Levi. {2} And the woman conceived, and bare a son: and when she saw him that he was a goodly child, she hid him three months.

Just like Rahab hid the Israeli men to prevent their deaths:

(Josh 2:3-4 KJV) And the king of Jericho sent unto Rahab, saying, Bring forth the men that are come to thee, which are entered into thine house: for they be come to search out all the country. {4} And the woman took the two men, and hid them, and said thus, There came men unto me, but I wist not whence they were:

At the point of death, just like Job humbled himself and hid God's goodness in his heart:

(Job 10:9-13 KJV) Remember, I beseech thee, that thou hast made me as the clay; and wilt thou bring me into dust again? {10} Hast thou not poured me out as milk, and curdled me like cheese? {11} Thou hast clothed me with skin and flesh, and hast fenced me with bones and sinews. {12} Thou hast granted me life and favour, and thy visitation hath preserved my spirit. {13} And these things hast thou hid in thine heart: I know that this is with thee.

Just like the grave will hide godly men until, in our case, the Gathering Together happens:

(Job 14:12-14 KJV) So man lieth down, and riseth not: till the heavens be no more, they shall not awake, nor be raised out of their sleep. {13} O that thou wouldest hide me in the grave, that thou would-

est keep me secret, until thy wrath be past, that thou wouldest appoint me a set time, and remember me! {14} If a man die, shall he live again? all the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my change come.

Just like God hides his 'panting, exertions' for his children, we shall be rewarded:

(Job 21:19 KJV) God layeth up his iniquity [panting, exertions] for his children: he rewardeth him, and he shall know it.

Just like Job did not go back from the Word of God, he hid God's Word like necessary food.

(Job 23:12 KJV) Neither have I gone back from the commandment of his lips; I have esteemed [hid] the words of his mouth more than my necessary food.

Just like times are not hidden from God:

(Job 24:1 KJV) Why, seeing times are not hidden from the Al-

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mighty, do they that know him not see his days?

Just like worldly men hid treasures:

(Psa 17:14 KJV) From men *which are* thy hand, O LORD, from men of the world, *which have* their portion in *this* life, and whose belly thou fillest with thy hid *treasure*: they are full of children, and leave the rest of their *substance* to their babes.

Just like God will hide us in his pavilion in times of trouble:

(Psa 27:5 KJV) For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide [cover] me; he shall set me up upon a rock.

Just like God's goodness is laid up in store for us:

(Psa 31:19-20 KJV) *Oh* how great *is* thy goodness, which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee; *which* thou hast wrought for them that trust in thee before

the sons of men! {20} Thou shalt hide them in the secret of thy presence from the pride of man: thou shalt keep them secretly in a pavilion from the strife of tongues.

Just like God hides us to protect us from our enemies:

(Psa 83:2-3 KJV) For, lo, thine enemies make a tumult: and they that hate thee have lifted up the head. {3} They have taken crafty counsel against thy people, and consulted against thy hidden ones.

Just like greedy men secret their doings:

(Prov 1:18-19 KJV) And they lay wait for their *own* blood; they lurk privily for their *own* lives. {19} So *are* the ways of every one that is greedy of gain; *which* taketh away the life of the owners thereof.

Just like we are commanded to receive God's Word and to hide his commandments with him:

(Prov 2:1 KJV) My son, if thou wilt receive my

words, and hide my commandments with thee;

(Prov 7:1-3 KJV) My son, keep my words, and lay up my commandments with thee. {2} Keep my commandments, and live; and my law as the apple of thine eye. {3} Bind them upon thy fingers, write them upon the table of thine heart.

(Prov 10:14 KJV) Wise *men* lay up knowledge: but the mouth of the foolish *is* near destruction.

Just like Solomon laid up gorgeous fruit for his beloved:

(Song 7:13 KJV) The mandrakes [baskets] give a smell, and at our gates *are* all manner of pleasant *fruits*, new and old, *which* I have laid up for thee, O my beloved.

Just like nothing is hid from God's eyes:

(Jer 16:17 KJV) For mine eyes *are* upon all their ways: they are not hid from my face, nei-

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ther is their iniquity hid
from mine eyes.

By all these ways and more,
we are to hold God's Word
in our hearts. Why? Because
there is nothing better than
God's Word. It will enrich
you, care for you, guide you,
satisfy you and lead you into
God's bosom.

Much Love in Christ.

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