

Contextualizing Truth

Genesis 2:15-17

Deuteronomy 30:19,20

Hebrews 4:12,13

1 Peter 1:22-25

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All of God's words have a context. If we can **ENCOUNTER** His words we can begin to make use of them in the part of us that is our soul. If we can **EXPOSE** the original message of each passage we can watch the scriptures come alive as we read them. If we can open our hearts to this message of truth and friendship with God - we can experience an **ENLIGHTENING** of mind, heart, and soul.

Of course, it is the Holy Spirit within us Who discloses the Truth of God's Son to us!

Read John 16.13-16.

What part does the Spirit play in Jesus' relationship with His friends?

Let's take a quick run through the A to Z of what God says about Truth. Think about each passage and ask the question, "what does this teach me about truth?"

Read Genesis 2.15-17. Truth?

Read Deuteronomy 30.19-20. Truth?

Read Hebrews 4.12,13. Truth?

Read 1 Peter 19.22-25. Truth?

Read Revelation 19.11-13. Truth?

Do you believe that truth has a context?

Do you believe that God has spoken to us through nature, through His words to His chosen people (the Hebrews), and through Jesus His Son?

What are your personal struggles with truth?

What are your personal connections to truth?

meditate

baqar

to inquire, seek: care for, concerned, inquire, make inquiry

hagah

to moan, growl, utter, speak, muse

siach

to muse, complain, talk

THE BIBLICAL CONCEPT OF MEDITATION

There are three Hebrew words which are translated “meditate.” (above) They are found primarily in the Psalms.

When it comes to God’s truth it appears I am to “**make inquiry**” with my mind and the intentions of my heart, then **ruminate** upon the truth set before me, and finally **personally process** and speak with God about the things which sit well with me - as well as anything which fires complaint in my heart.

It has been my experience that if each of the following critical steps is embraced as we read the bible, the wealth of spiritual information in this seamless, woven Story will begin to become quite **evident** - and quite **relevant** to our lives.

Of course, it makes a big difference when you have a deep desire to connect with God. I break this meditating process down into three steps:

good questions

Encounter the Word

What is here?

Expose the Meaning

What did it mean then?

Enlighten Your Heart

What does it mean to me?

I would like to investigate each step together, taking care to be very practical about their implementation. If you stick with me through this quest, you will come out the other end much more equipped as a critical reader of the Word of God.

Because you will know better what to look for, you will find yourself much more interested in what you are reading!

WHAT, ME MEDITATE?!

At this point it would be good to ask yourself the question “do I want to invest time and energy to learn how to go deeper in the scriptures?” If your answer is yes you have made an excellent choice that will serve you well in your quest to become a man or woman of God.

“This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it; for then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have success. - Joshua 1:8

Every hour you invest in this experience will yield huge treasures for your heart. The Word of God is the only eternal thing in the world. It is literally the breath of our Creator, and gives us courage to live a substantive life of faith.

My definition of meditating:

My desire to meditate in order to know God through unlocking His Word:

The following excercises and principles can help you make meditating on the Scriptures an enjoyable and meaningful experience for years to come!