



MODUAL: BELIEVER

COURSE: Interacting with God's Word

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Meditating God's Word for Revelation, Interpretation and Application

THE MOST IMPORTANT REASON FOR MEDITATING GOD'S WORD is to develop an amazingly intimate relationship, where you KNOW His heart and ways.

God describes Himself as our good shepherd. Please read Psalm 23 and visualize the wonderful relationship between a good shepherd and his sheep. You might consider meditating this psalm by:

- ❖ underlining, highlighting, or circling words or phrases which stand out to you.
- ❖ turning verses into prayers.
- ❖ Drawing, coloring or commenting as a response.
- ❖ doing some internet searches on this relationship

One of the reasons God speaks is to reveal something to us. It may simply be something we've never thought of, or something no one in our society has ever thought of. Unless we quiet ourselves and give God our attention, we may not hear what he is saying.

Pat, a friend of mine, begins her meditation time with Jesus. She imagines Him sitting on a large rock in a field. She goes to Him, sits down near Him, and puts her head in His lap.

I like to see myself joining Jesus at the gate to a beautiful garden where He's waiting for me. He puts His arm around my shoulder, and we go inside.

How would you like to meet with Jesus?

During my quiet times, God has revealed many Scriptural truths to me. What I choose to do with these revelations determines the blessings I receive. If I pay attention, and seek God's complete revelation He, who is faithful, will show me the fullness of what's in His heart for me.

Let me give you a well-known example of this. Martin Luther, a 16th century Catholic monk, received a **REVELATION** from God about John 3:16. As a monk, Martin Luther had probably read this passage many times, but one day something different happened. On that day, this verse came to life in his heart, and he saw something brand new. It had been there all along, but his eyes had been blinded by his traditions. Jesus warned about this.

And he said unto them: Full well ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition
Mark 7:9

On that day, God spoke and Luther finally heard, because his heart and mind were open. Instead of just reading the Bible with a closed mind, or as a rote exercise, he was searching. He was seeking God for himself. He was no longer content to rely on what man said about God.

As he searched the scripture for God's truth, his eyes were opened, and he saw this passage as never before. He understood! This first experience with God's revelation could have been Luther's last, if

because of fear of the authorities or loyalty to his traditions, he failed to pay attention and pursue God's complete revelation

But, because he pursued this revelation by spending additional time in prayer, study, and listening he got the full **INTERPRETATION** of what this Scripture really meant. He became fully persuaded that this was a revelation from God, and he understood its importance to every believer. Because of this persuasion, Luther was empowered to stand up to Rome and proclaim God's truth to his world. This was his **APPLICATION** of the revelation he had received.

Today the fruit of his revelation is celebrated by Christians everywhere. Luther heard God's revelation, and acted on it by pursuing God's interpretation and application.

Granted, this may be the most magnificent example of this revelation process in modern day. But be assured; if you pursue God and his Word, you too will receive amazing **revelations** from Heaven. And, if you pursue these revelations, God will fully **interpret** the scriptures and guide you into the **application** or response He desires from you. I guarantee, this process will bring monumental changes to your life and to the lives of those around you.

If you're a believer, you've already had at least one revelation which you interpreted and appropriated ... that is John 3:16. Wasn't this process exciting? Didn't it change your life? If you want to seek God for His revelations, simply open your heart and ask Him to show you the wonders in His Word.

