

Meditate In The Word

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Scripture Study

Joshua 1:8

This Book of the **Law** shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall **meditate** in it day and night, that you may **observe** to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way **prosperous**, *and then you will have good success. (NKJV)

- ✚ *and then you shall deal wisely and have good success. (AMP)
- ✚ Don't allow anything but the Word of God to come out of your mouth. God refers to Himself as "I AM." Say whatever the "I AM" says you are. Take some time now to confess a few I am statements. Say, I am blessed beyond measure, I am strong, I am healed, I am free, I am the head and I am not the tail!
- ✚ Meditation on the Word gives you the ability to be a doer of the Word. Without being a doer of the Word you are like the man who built his house on the sand. When you are a doer you will make your way prosperous, and when your way is prosperous, then and only then will you have good success.

Psalms 1:1-3

1 Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. (KJV)

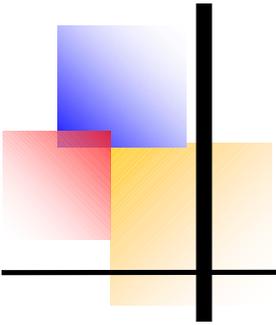
Come out from among them and be separate.... (2Cor. 6:17)

2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD; *and in his law doth he meditate day and night. (KJV)

- ✚ *and on His law (the precepts, the instructions, the teachings of God) he habitually meditates (ponders and studies) by day and by night. (AMP)
- ✚ Jesus said with the measure you mete it shall be measured back to you. How many of us meditate in God's Word day and night? God is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him.

3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; *and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper. (KJV)

- ✚ *and everything he does shall prosper [and come to maturity]. (AMP)
- ✚ Next we will see the opposite of Psalms 1. It is your decision which one you will have.



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Hosea 4:6

My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, I also will reject you from being priest for Me; because you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children. (NKJV)

2 Peter 1:2-4

2 Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord,
3 According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: 4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. (KJV)

✠ Through knowledge and His divine power comes grace and peace, and everything that pertains to life and godliness, which is the opposite of Hosea 4:6.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

16 Every Scripture is Godbreathed (given by His inspiration) and profitable for instruction, for reproof and conviction of sin, for correction of error and discipline in obedience, [and] for training in righteousness (in holy living, in conformity to God's will in thought, purpose, and action),

✠ We must become skillful in the Word of righteousness, be teachable, obedient, receive correction and discipline, to be conformed to His image.

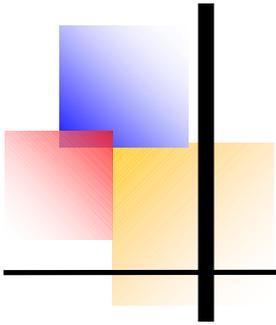
17 So that the man of God may be complete and proficient, well fitted and thoroughly equipped for every good work. (AMP)

✠ The price Jesus paid provided everything we could ever need. If we are going without any of God's provision could it have anything to do with a lack of knowledge?

✠ Note that (2 Timothy 3:16,17) (Psalms 1:1-3) (Joshua 1:8) and (2 Peter 1:2-4) are really saying the same thing. When we keep His law [direction; instruction] in our mouth and we meditate [mutter; murmur; muse] the Word [scripture] by day and by night, wisdom and correction will come. As knowledge grows, we will be like the tree planted by the living waters. We will be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world. Being a partaker of God's nature is the ultimate success and prosperity. You will bring forth fruit, your leaf will not wither and everything you do will prosper and come to maturity.

✠ Spend time being still before God and allow Him to reveal His Word to you.

✠ Let the sower sow the Word in your heart and allow the ground to bring forth one hundred fold in your life. Learn to let the seed and the ground do what it was created to do, our job is to keep the weeds out. Learn to be a good gardener. God will do the rest!



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2 Corinthians 9:8

And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work. (NKJV)

Philippians 1:6

being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ; (NKJV)

Meditate - Hebrew Word - hagah #1897, to meditate, moan, growl, utter, speak. To **murmur** (in pleasure or anger); by implication, to ponder, **muse**, imagine, meditate, mourn, **mutter**, speak, study, talk, utter.

Mutter - To speak indistinctly in low tones. To utter or say in low, indistinct tones. A low or indistinct utterance.

Murmur - A low, indistinct, continuous sound. An indistinct, whispered, or confidential complaint; a mutter. An abnormal sound, usually emanating from the heart. To make a low, continuous, indistinct sound or succession of sounds. To say in a low indistinct voice; utter indistinctly.

Muse - To be absorbed in one's thoughts; engage in meditation. To consider or say thoughtfully. Muse, a state of meditation.

✠ To meditate involves more than just thinking about something, it comes from the heart, to meditate is to be absorbed in thought and to speak in a low indistinct voice (speaking the Word to yourself over and over). It is a deep communion with God's Word. This is the place where you are planted in the living waters of the Word. You give birth to wisdom in this quiet place of communion.

✠ Wisdom is the principle thing and it will bring success and prosperity. Wisdom only comes from the Word. Remember that Jesus is made unto us wisdom. Jesus is the Word. (John Chapter 1).

PROSPER

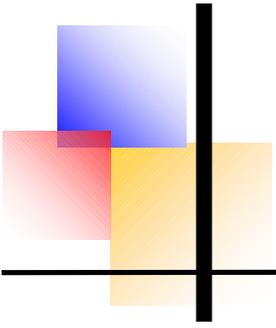
Prosper - Hebrew word - tsaleach #6743, to succeed, prosper. The source of such success is God. The idea of a successful venture. To push forward. Break out, go over, be profitable.

Law - the law we are to meditate in day and night is God's Word. Joshua had only the Torah (first five books of the Old Testament). Jeremiah prophesied later concerning God's new dealing with His people in terms of the New Covenant, in which God's law (Word) would be written on the heart, or inward parts of man.

Observe - Hebrew word - shamar # 8104 to hedge about (as with thorns), to guard; generally, to protect, attend to, take heed, look narrowly, observe, preserve, regard, reserve, save.

✠ Dedicate yourself to keeping God's Word in your heart and mouth.

✠ Be a doer of the Word and you will be blessed in your doing.



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Study Questions

1. Using the Greek definitions, expound on Joshua 1:8.
2. Complete the following verse: And he shall be like a _____.
3. When we are a doer of Psalms 1:1,2 we will receive verse 3. Expound on verse 3.
4. Complete the following verse: Grace and peace be _____.
5. Using the Greek definitions explain what it means to meditate in the Word?
6. In 2 Timothy 3:16,17 the scripture is given to us by God for what reason?
7. Give a brief summery of 2 Peter 1:3.
8. What did God reveal to you in your meditation of His Word?

Extra Blessing

(Study To Show Yourself Approved Unto God 2 Timothy 2:15)

Meditate on the verses of this lessen
Proverbs chapter 4