

GOD'S WORD GUARDS US.

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INTRO.:

A. Read the text: **Psalm 119:9-11.**

B. Regarding the text:

1. **Vs. 11** "... hid in my heart" means to make God's word the center of our lives."
2. By His word we are able to ward off Satan's temptations (**Matthew 4**).
3. **Psalm 37:31** "The law of his God is in his heart; none of his steps shall slide."

DISCUSSION: THE WORD GUARDS BY...

I. INSTRUCTING US HOW TO CLEANSE OUR LIVES.

A. The question **Verse 9**:

1. CLEANSE = To purify; to make innocent. The Psalmist shows the need .
2. How can one make his way clean?
 - 1) We must first realize our lives can become unclean.
 - a. **Ecc. 7:20** "For there is not a just man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not."
 - b. **Rom. 3:23**.
 - 2) Also notice: HOW CAN WE cleanse our way?
 - a. Showing ACTION on our part.
 - b. **Mark 10:17** "... Good Master, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?"

B. The answer **Verse 9**:

1. "...by taking heed thereto according to thy word."
 - 1) **Psalm 119:11, 105.**
 - 2) **John 15:3** "Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you."
2. We all need instruction.
 - 1) The instruction GUIDED men to DO as God intended!
 - 2) **Psalm 119:104** "Through thy precepts I get understanding: therefore, I hate every false way."
3. God gave us the word... it is our task to obey His word.
 - 1) **Heb. 5:9.**
 - 2) **1 Pet. 1:22** "Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth ..."

II. INSTRUCTING US NOT TO WANDER.

A. **Verse 10.**

1. "With my whole heart have I sought thee..."
 - 1) WHOLE HEART = Making every effort to find the Lord's way.
 - 2) Never half-hearted: **Col. 3:22** "Servants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh; not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but in singleness of heart, fearing God:"
2. Search for wisdom and understanding (**Prov. 2:1-5**).

B. What did he desire?

1. "... O let me not wander from thy commandments."
 - 1) Shows that one can remove himself from God's grace.
 - 2) **John 6:68** "Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life."
2. Leaving truth puts us on the wrong road.
 - 1) **Matt. 7:13-14.**

- 2) **Jer. 6:16** “Thus saith the LORD, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk therein.”

C. God’s word can keep us on the right road!

III. THESE INSTRUCTIONS CAN KEEP US FROM SIN.

A. The key to success: Verse 11.

1. “... Hid in my heart...”
 - 1) The meaning here is, that he had “treasured” up the word of God, as his most valuable possession!
 - 2) Not hidden away but knowing and using it every day.
 - a. **Job 10:13** “And these things hast thou hid in thine heart: I know that this is with thee.”
 - b. **Prov. 2:10-11** “When wisdom entereth into thine heart, and knowledge is pleasant unto thy soul; Discretion shall preserve thee, understanding shall keep thee:”
2. To hide in the heart indicates an understanding.
 - 1) **Psa. 119:34** “Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law; yea, I shall observe it with my whole heart.”
 - 2) **Psa. 111:10** “The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do his commandments: his praise endureth forever.”

B. The result?

1. Our GOAL? Not to sin! **2 Pet. 3:14** “Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless.”
2. We overcome temptation with the word. Must be known to be used! (Jesus **Matt. 4:1-11**)
3. The word does not ward off sin. We overcome by application of that word! (**Psa. 119:9-11; John 8:32**).

IV. CONCLUSION:

- A. The word of God is the “firm foundation” upon which we stand.
- B. God’s word is the only guide that can lead us to heaven.
- C. The plan of salvation is found therein: Hear the word (**Rom. 10:17**); Belief of the word (**Mark 16:16**); Repentance (**Acts 2:38**); Confess Christ before men (**Rom. 10:9-10**); Baptism for the remission of sins (**Luke 24:46-47; Acts 2:38**). After becoming a Christian, we must be faithful unto death (**Rev. 2:10**).