

QUIET TIMES ALONE WITH GOD
JEREMIAH 15:16
THEME: Word of God – Always Be Ready

This QT series deals with the readiness of the Word of God. This readiness comes from a commitment to the hearing, reading and study of the Word of God so that when asked to give a defense of the faith you might respond correctly.

It also deals with the readiness with the Word of God in terms of Scripture memory. When asked you should not be reduced to the humiliating statement, “I don’t know where it is but I heard somewhere that the Bible says something like...”. That response would not be acceptable from your doctor, your mechanic, your plumber nor your electrician when dealing with your problems and it is not an acceptable response from you when dealing with the spiritual problems of others

As you come across the passages in the book of Acts and other portions of Scripture you may first ask yourself, “What has this passage to do with readiness?”

But look closely,

Did Jesus in Matthew 3:1 - 3 call for the Isaiah Scroll

Did Peter in Acts 2:14 – 20 call for the Joel Scroll

Did Stephen in Acts 7:1 – 53 stumble through his message as he called for various Scrolls

No – instead they quoted readily and confidently the passages from memory.

These QT passages are given to us as an example of men who were ready with the Word of God. Yes they were ready from hearing and studying, but they were also ready from memorizing. When God the Holy Spirit exhorts in His holy, eternal, inerrant, written Word for this very same Word to be in our hearts, to be on our lips to be ready in our mouths, to be in our meditations, it does not mean ethereal concepts as summed up by our fallen senses but rather it means that He wants His Word ready in our hearts – the holy, eternal, inerrant, written Word of God. The only way to do this is by memorizing the Word of God and then meditating on it daily.

The Word of God says in Psalms 119:9-11 ***“How can a young man keep his way pure? By keeping it according to Your word. With all my heart I have sought You; Do not let me wander from Your commandments. Your word I have treasured in my heart, That I may not sin against You.”***

It is unfortunate that in the age within which we live Scripture memory is seen as a discipline for children. Nothing could be further from the truth. If you take time to read the book of Acts you will find the Apostles all quoting off the top of their heads large portions of Scripture. To have Scripture readily at hand is essential for anyone who desires to be ready at all times to be used by God in His service.

Just a cursory look at the first two chapters of Acts finds Peter rattling off verses at will. You do not find him saying, “I don’t know where it is but somewhere in the Bible it says”; nor do you find him calling for the scrolls while he loses his audience to boredom as he rolls out various scrolls trying to find a verse; no you find him confidently quoting the Word of God.

Acts 1:15-20

15 *And at this time Peter stood up in the midst of the brethren (a gathering of about one hundred and twenty persons was there together), and said,*

16 *"Brethren, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit foretold by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus...."For it is written in the book of Psalms, 'Let his homestead be made desolate, and let no man dwell in it'; and, 'His office let another man take.'*

Acts 2:14-20

14 *But Peter, taking his stand with the eleven, raised his voice and declared to them: "Men of Judea, and all you who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give heed to my words.*

15 *"For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only the third hour of the day;*

16 *but this is what was spoken of through the prophet Joel:*

17 *'And it shall be in the last days,' God says, 'That I will pour forth of My Spirit upon all mankind; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams;*

18 *Even upon My bondslaves, both men and women, I will in those days pour forth of My Spirit And they shall prophesy.*

19 *'And I will grant wonders in the sky above, and signs on the earth beneath, Blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke.*

20 *'The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and glorious day of the Lord shall come.*

Acts 2:24-28

24 *"And God raised Him up again, putting an end to the agony of death, since it was impossible for Him to be held in its power.*

25 *"For David says of Him, 'I was always beholding the Lord in my presence; for He is at my right hand, that I may not be shaken.*

26 *'Therefore my heart was glad and my tongue exulted; moreover my flesh also will abide in hope;*

27 *Because Thou wilt not abandon my soul to Hades, nor allow Thy Holy One to undergo decay.*

28 *'Thou hast made known to me the ways of life; Thou wilt make me full of gladness with Thy presence.'*

Acts 2:33-35

33 *"Therefore having been exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He has poured forth this which you both see and hear.*

34 *"For it was not David who ascended into heaven, but he himself says: 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand,*

35 *Until I make Thine enemies a footstool for Thy feet.'"*

This is why the Pharisees were astonished...

Acts 4:13

13 *Now as they observed the confidence of Peter and John, and understood that they were uneducated and untrained men, they were marveling, and began to recognize them as having been with Jesus.*

I want to encourage you though that your Scripture memory is not to earn stars. You know the routine. The child hurriedly works on his Scripture memory Sunday morning so he can get a star on his chart. The businessman hurriedly works on his verse on the way to his Bible study so he can stumble through it and not be embarrassed. Both have forgotten what they supposedly memorized before the class is over. God expects and deserves better. You will have to not only memorize your verse but remember it as well. It is unfortunate that I have to say this but you will be surprised at the number of men who say to me, "I have that verse memorized, I just don't remember it". That is like saying, "I know the directions to the church I just don't know how to get there" or "I know the church phone number, I just can't dial it" Scripture Memory is inseparable from Remembering Scripture.

Let me encourage you to put memorizing the Word of God at the same priority level you do on your job. Suppose your office or business had the opportunity of opening a new and expansive market. There was a Job Fair being sponsored by the local Chamber of Commerce. Your company has set up a whole series of meetings with various companies plus arranged for a conference hall to be rented to promote their product. If your supervisor said, "I am sending you to present our product to this new and burgeoning market. You will need to put together a PowerPoint presentation plus have all the specs and information memorized for the question answer time. I don't want you fumbling through some manual while you loose your audience!" Then when it came time to leave. Your supervisor meets with you. You do not have your PowerPoint presentation done and you stumble through the specs, the manual and the material he gave you to memorize. You say to him, "I have been really busy of late. My son was in a T-ball championship, there was a lot of work to do around the house and I had a chance to go on a fishing trip with my cousin. I just didn't get around to it but I hope to familiarize myself with the material on the way over." What

would his response be? I know for one thing he would not send you. He would rather cancel, than have a shoddy job presented. In addition he would no doubt fire you. Well the holy, eternal, inerrant, written Word of God is far more important and our actions in the area of Scripture memory, review and meditation should reflect this fact. Each verse you memorize should be reviewed every day.

God the Holy Spirit states in 2 Corinthians 5:20 *“Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were entreating through us...”* Ambassadors deliver the messages of their King, they do not embellish nor improve on it, rather they faithfully deliver it. In our case our God is our King, we are His ambassadors. We deliver His word, faithfully, accurately and word perfect. God is making His appeal through us. God’s appeal is God’s holy, eternal, inerrant, written Word. By faithfully memorizing, reviewing and meditating upon the Word of God we are equipped with the message of the Ambassador and God may not entreat others through us, anytime and anywhere, for it is laid up in our hearts and ready for use at a moments notice.

As you meditate upon the following passages do so with a view toward always being ready with the Word of God...

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: I Peter 3:15

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: Colossians 4:6

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: II Timothy 4:1 - 5

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: Matthew 3:1 – 3

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: Matthew 13:10 – 17

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: Matthew 13:33 – 35

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: Matthew 15:7 – 9

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: Matthew 21:42 – 44

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: Matthew 23:41 – 46

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: Mark 7:1 – 8

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: Mark 11:15 – 18

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: Mark 12:1 – 12

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: John 1:19 – 23

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: John 2:13 – 17

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: John 13:12 - 20

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: Acts 2:17 – 21

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: Acts 2:22 – 28

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: Acts 2:29 – 36

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: Acts 7:1 – 29

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: Acts 7:30 - 53

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: Acts 13:13 – 43

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: Acts 13:44 – 47

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: Acts 15:13 – 21

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: Acts 28:23 - 31

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: Acts 11:16

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: Joshua 1:8

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: Psalm 18:21 & 22

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: Isaiah 59:21

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: Deuteronomy 6:6 & 7

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: Deuteronomy 11:18 7 19

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: Psalm 119:9 & 11

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: Psalm 17:1 – 4

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: Psalm 37:31

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: Psalm 40:8 – 10

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: Proverbs 2:1 – 11

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: Proverbs 3:1 – 6

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: Proverbs 4:20 – 23

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: Proverbs 7:1 – 3

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: Isaiah 51:1 – 7

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: Isaiah 55:8 – 13

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: Luke 6:45

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: Colossians 4:6

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