



Beyond the Sermon

A Sermon Application Guide

Title: Getting into God's Word (Spiritual Disciplines pt3)

This guide is designed to offer a simple tool for those wanting to take the next step with Sunday's message. You can print this guide to study on your own, or use it in a group and experience transformation together.

Message Theme & Prayer Focus

Prayer: Conversation With God | Daily Walk With Him

"God I know that you are constantly speaking even if I am not paying attention. I want to spend more time with you and get to know you more. Thank you for your grace that I surely do not deserve and your mercy that is brand new each day. You are a good father. Amen."

Key Truths

Prayer isn't just talking to God, or listening. It's about walking with God and having an ongoing conversation with him. Often it can feel like we don't have time to pray or just sit and listen, but the reality is that we make time for what is important to us. When we take time with God, He will bless our day and we can get more done. God adds to our day.

When we make our decisions based on what the bible teaches, we have a biblical worldview. Most christians do not make their daily decisions based on what the Bible says but based on how they feel and what they think is right.

When we come to God there is a protocol:

Psalms 100:4 NKJV

*Enter into His gates with thanksgiving,
And into His courts with praise.
Be thankful to Him, and bless His name.*

Always, as part of our time with God, we should get in the word, this is where spiritual growth happens. When we look at the word of God we find out who we are, what we have, and what we can do. When it comes to praying and asking God for something we have not seen yet, we can rest assured knowing that God has either already done it or it's not going to happen.

What is the purpose of the law? It's a warning, the law was given so we would know that we are a mess and seek God's help. The law shows God's standard and that we can't get there on our own. Everything that was written in the law was meant to point us to Christ. As Christians, we should be careful not to mix grace and law together. We can not be saved by our works or earn grace by the things we do.

Why are we New Testament believers? We are New Testament believers because God has taken away the Old Testament like he said in Hebrews 8:6-7. The Old Testament doesn't apply to us as believers to make us right with God.

Practical Application

"Where do I start?"

We are New Testament believers so starting there would be the best idea. Reading in Galatians will tell you who you are and why. Not that we shouldn't be reading the old testament, but spend most of your time in the new testament.

Verses

- Romans 8:3
- Psalms 108:2, 63:1, 1:2, 100:4
- Acts 3:, 20:32, 15:24-29
- Proverbs 3:1-2
- James 1:23-25
- Romans 3:20-22, 8:3, 5:20-21
- Ephesians 2:8-9
- Galatians 5:2-4, 3:12, 2:16 & 21, 3:21-22
- Hebrews 7:18-19, 8:6-7, 8:13, 10:1
- 1 Corinthians 10:11
- Ezekiel 36:33-36

Declarations

"I am saved by grace through what Jesus has done for me. I am a New Testament believer and I know that my good deeds don't get me closer to God or put me in better standing with Him. I am deeply loved and cherished by God".

What's Next?

Now it's time to write down anything the Lord has spoken to you. Praise Him, Thank Him and ask the Holy Spirit to help you walk this out.

Scripture References

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Psalm 108:2 NKJV Awake, lute and harp! I will awaken the dawn.

Psalm 63:1 NKJV Early will I seek You...

Acts 3:1 TCNT One day, as Peter and John were going up into the temple courts for the three o'clock prayers...

Proverbs 3:1-2 NKJV My son, do not forget my law, But let your heart keep my commands; For length of days and long life And peace they will add to you.

Psalm 1:2 NKJV But his delight is in the law of the Lord, And in His law he meditates day and night.

Joshua 1:8 KJV This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein...

Psalm 100:4 NKJV Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name.

Romans 12:2 NKJV And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed...

Romans 12:2 NLT ...by changing the way you think.

Psalm 119:128 KJV Therefore I esteem all thy precepts concerning all things to be right...

1 Peter 2:2 KJV As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby...

Hebrews 10:9 NKJV He takes away the first that He may establish the second.

Romans 3:20 NKJV Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law is the knowledge of sin.

Galatians 5:2-4 NKJV Indeed I, Paul, say to you that if you become circumcised, Christ will profit you nothing. And I testify again to every man who becomes circumcised that

he is a debtor to keep the whole law. You have become estranged from Christ, you who attempt to be justified by law; you have fallen from grace.

Ephesians 2:8-9 NKJV For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.

Romans 3:21 NKJV But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed...

Galatians 3:10 NKJV For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse; for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who does not continue in all things which are written in the book of the law, to do them."

Galatians 3:11-12 NKJV But that no one is justified by the law in the sight of God is evident, for "the just shall live by faith." Yet the law is not of faith, but "the man who does them shall live by them."

Galatians 2:16 NKJV ...knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified.

Galatians 2:21 NKJV I do not set aside the grace of God; for if righteousness comes through the law, then Christ died in vain."

Galatians 3:21-22 NKJV For if there had been a law given which could have given life, truly righteousness would have been by the law. But the Scripture has confined all under sin, that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.

Galatians 3:24 NKJV Therefore the law was our tutor to bring us to Christ...

Galatians 5:3-4 NKJV And I testify again to every man who becomes circumcised that he is a debtor to keep the whole law. you have become estranged from Christ, you who attempt to be justified by law; you have fallen from grace.

Hebrews 8:7 NKJV For if that first covenant had been faultless, then no place would have been sought for a second.

Hebrews 7:18-19 NKJV For on the one hand there is an annulling of the former commandment because of its weakness and unprofitableness, for the law made nothing perfect...

Leviticus 16 NKJV

Hebrews 8:13 NKJV In that He says, “A new covenant,” He has made the first obsolete.

Romans 8:3 NKJV For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh...

Acts 15:24-29 NKJV Since we have heard that some who went out from us have troubled you with words, unsettling your souls, saying, “You must be circumcised and keep the law”—to whom we gave no such commandment— it seemed good to us, being assembled with one accord, to send chosen men to you with our beloved Barnabas and Paul, men who have risked their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We have therefore sent Judas and Silas, who will also report the same things by word of mouth. For it seemed good to the Holy Spirit, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things: that you abstain from things offered to idols, from blood, from things strangled, and from sexual immorality. If you keep yourselves from these, you will do well.

Romans 13:10 NKJV Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore love *is* the fulfillment of the law.

1 Corinthians 10:11 NKJV Now all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages have come.

Ezekiel 36:33-34 NKJV ‘Thus says the Lord God: “On the day that I cleanse you from all your iniquities, I will also enable you to dwell in the cities, and the ruins shall be rebuilt. The desolate land shall be tilled instead of lying desolate in the sight of all who pass by.

Ezekiel 36:35 NKJV So they will say, ‘This land that was desolate has become like the garden of Eden; and the wasted, desolate, and ruined cities are now fortified and inhabited.’

Ezekiel 36:36 NKJV Then the nations which are left all around you shall know that I, the Lord, have rebuilt the ruined places and planted what was desolate. I, the Lord, have spoken it, and I will do it.”

Hebrews 10:1 NKJV For the law, having a shadow of the good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with these same sacrifices, which they offer continually year by year, make those who approach perfect.