

**97 ¶ MEM. Oh, how I love Your law! It *is* my meditation all the day.**

### **Our Plumb line from heaven**

**De 17:19** “And it shall be with him, and he shall read it all the days of his life, that he may learn to fear the LORD his God and be careful to observe all the words of this law and these statutes,

**This was both the effect of his love and the cause of it. He meditated in God's word because he loved it, and then loved it the more because he meditated in it -Spurgeon**

### **Even though we fall before the law we love it's perfection**

**Jos 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.

### **This the word before our words**

**Who without love attempts anything in the law of God, does it coldly, and quickly gives it up. For the mind cannot give itself earnestly and perseveringly to things which are not loved. Only he who loves the law makes it his meditation all the day. --Wolfgang Musculus.**

**98 ¶ You, through Your commandments, make me wiser than my enemies; For they *are* ever with me.**

**The commands were his book, but God was his teacher. The letter can make us knowing, but only the divine Spirit can make us wise – Spurgeon**

### **The Word is our Sword**

**De 4:6** “Therefore be careful to observe *them*; for this *is* your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples who will hear all these statutes, and say, ‘Surely this great nation *is* a wise and understanding people.’

**A good man, wherever he goes, carries his Bible along with him, if not in his hands, yet in his head and in his heart. --Matthew Henry.**

**Jas 1:25\*** But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues *in it*, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.

**99 I have more understanding than all my teachers, For Your testimonies are my meditation.**

**It is no reflection upon my teachers, but rather an honour to them, for me to improve so as to excel them,**

**Mt 11:25\*** At that time Jesus answered and said, "I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from *the* wise and prudent and have revealed them to babes.

**He who sits at the feet of Jesus will exceed those who sit at the feet of great men**

**Mt 13:11\*** He answered and said to them, "Because it has been given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given.

**100 I understand more than the ancients, Because I keep Your precepts.**

**Jas 3:13\*** Who *is* wise and understanding among you? Let him show by good conduct *that* his works *are done* in the meekness of wisdom.

**IF WE CANNOT HIDE IT IN OUR HEADS WE CAN AT LEAST HOLD IT IN OUR HANDS**

**The Word's eternity brings us beyond our years**

**101 ¶ I have restrained my feet from every evil way, That I may keep Your word.**

**Isa 55:7** Let the wicked forsake his way, And the unrighteous man his thoughts; Let him return to the LORD, And He will have mercy on him; And to our God, For He will abundantly pardon.

**There is no treasuring up the holy word unless there is a casting out of all unholiness: if we keep the good word we must let go the evil**

**1Pe 3:11\*** Let him turn away from evil and do good; Let him seek peace and pursue it.

**102 ¶ I have not departed from Your judgments, For You Yourself have taught me.**

**1Jo 2:19** They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us; but *they went out* that they might be made manifest, that none of them were of us.

**God teacheth two ways:**

**1. By common illumination 2. By special operation.**

**1. By common illumination, barely enlightening the mind to know or understand what he propounds by his messengers: so God showed it to the heathen: Ro 1:20.**

**2. By way of special operation, effectually inclining the will to embrace and prosecute duties so known: "I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts": Jer 31:33. This way of teaching is always effectual and persuasive. Now, in this sense they are taught of God, so that they do not only get an ear to hear, but a heart to understand, learn, and practice.**

**1Jo 2:27** But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him.

**If He is our portion he should be our teacher also**

**103 ¶ How sweet are Your words to my taste, Sweeter than honey to my mouth!**

**Ps 19:10** More to be desired *are they* than gold, Yea, than much fine gold; Sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.

**There is given to the regenerated a new, supernatural sense, a certain divine, spiritual taste. This is in its whole nature diverse from any of the other five senses, and something is perceived by a true saint in the exercise of this new sense of mind, in spiritual and divine things, as entirely different from anything that is perceived in them by natural men**

**2Ti 3:16\*** All Scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,

**104 Through Your precepts I get understanding; Therefore I hate every false way.**

**Ro 12:9\*** *Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good.*

**Because he had understanding, and because of the divine precepts, he detested sin and falsehood. Every sin is a falsehood; we commit sin because we believe a lie**

**Pr 8:13** The fear of the LORD *is* to hate evil; Pride and arrogance and the evil way And the perverse mouth I hate