Say God's Words

Tony Mauck · Matthew 4:1–11

INTRODUCTION

- If we are going to be citizens of that kingdom, then that kingdom needs to be our priority.
- The New Testament continually talks about the importance of Jesus' example that we should follow in his steps.

1 Jesus Quoted Scripture in Each Temptation

Matthew 4:1–11

- On each occasion when the devil made his appeal, what did Jesus do? He quoted Scripture.
- Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.
- In his personal fight with Satan, the key to his success was the quotation of Scripture.
- And so in defeat of the adversary, and if we would walk in his footsteps, it becomes critical that we say God's words.

2 We Must Know and Meditate on God's Words

Psalm 119:105; 2 Timothy 2:15; Colossians 3:16

- If we're going to do that, we must first possess knowledge, as I suggested Jesus had, of those words.
- The word cannot be a lamp unto our feet or a light unto our path unless we know it.
- And then there must be frequent daily meditation upon those words that will assist us in the defeat of Satan.
- We must meditate upon it, think about it, ponder it. How does this pertain to my everyday circumstances?
- Thy word I have treasured in my heart. That I might not sin against you.

3 Caleb and Joshua Said God's Words

Deuteronomy 1:21; Numbers 13:30; Numbers 14:9

- See, the Lord your God has placed the land before you. Take possession. As the Lord, the God of your fathers has spoken to you. Do not fear or be dismayed.
- Only do not rebel against the Lord. And do not fear the people of the land.
- Why was Caleb so confident when all the others were not? He said God's words.
- Say God's words. Simple. But profound. And often neglected.

4 Let Him Speak as the Oracles of God

1 Peter 4:11; Romans 6; James 1:21

- If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God or the utterances of God. There it is. That's the principle.
- Isn't it true that sometimes when we read the scripture, we start fighting a secondary battle.
- Let me tell you what Romans 6 is about first and foremost. It's about our victory over sin.
- Let us not read the scripture through the lens of the errors of others. Let us read the scriptures to its practical relevance in our victory over sin.

5 Abraham Did Not Stagger at God's Promises

Romans 4; Genesis 22; James 1:6

- He just kept clinging to the word of God over and over and over again.
- He believed God's word was real, it was alive, it was trustworthy, even if he couldn't see it.
- That's not staggering. That's fully assured that God would provide his promise.

6 We Must Accept God's Reality, Always

2 Corinthians 5:7; Jeremiah 2:13

- We must accept God's reality. Always. This is God's reality. Whatever this book is telling us, we accept God's reality.
- I can focus on God's word and what he calls me to be. And what he calls me to do.
- I see this situation. I see it. But I'm going to say God's word.
- Whatever it is you leave the Lord for, it's a broken cistern. It's an empty well.

THE CHALLENGE

And once we've been born again, we live our lives doing what Jesus did. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. We say God's word.

MY NOTES