

# Thy Word *have I hidden* In My Heart

When the weatherman tells us it's going to rain, we bring our umbrellas, preparing for what's going to happen. To prepare to do what God tells us, we must hide the Word in our hearts.

We live in a time now where we are swamped by words. Expressing opinions, some have meaning and authority, but others are empty babble, captivating our minds. Some are spoken on social media, some are helpful and informative, but others are filled with insults and destruction. Now, all words are not empty. There are words of power, conviction, deliverance, and healing. There are words that will stand when heaven and earth will pass away. These are what is important.

Jesus was the incarnate Word living among us to show us what the Word means.

David was a man after God's own heart. God even named the holy city after him. No, he wasn't perfect, but he had one thing right: he had hidden the Word of God in his heart.

## **Psalms 3:3**

David remembered how God helped him in the past so he could appreciate that He is still God. We learn God in the storm. David remembered God's love, his power, his presence, his glory, and his shield (protection).

Your language and behavior will change when you have God and His Word hidden in your heart. The glory of God is high and lifted up to empower us to deal with our problems and our challenges.

God's Word is immutable, unchangeable, and true. God gave us the Bible: to show us himself; to tell us of Jesus and salvation; to guide us.

Throughout the Bible, we see God revealing Himself to us through His Word: In Joshua, we see God our conqueror. In Judges, God's mercy. In Ruth, how God will provide and take care of you. As we look at the books in the Bible, we can see that the Bible is our direction. In Kings and Chronicles we see how God led the children of Israel and called them to look and be different. We see in the minor prophets God's love through Israel's failure.

In the New Testament, the gospels tell you about the life of Jesus Christ, John focusing on His spirituality. Acts is still going on today—it hasn't been closed. Revelation let's us know Jesus will return. Jude shows us to contend for the faith, giving God first place in our lives.

When we read the Bible, we should get an understanding, not just reading words. This will prepare us for the storm. Speak the word to your situation. Our actions should be consistent with the Bible. We should love our brothers and sisters. The definition of God is love.

## Matthew 28:19

Jesus sent his disciples out to proclaim the Word, contending for the faith and giving God first place in our lives (Colossians 1:18; Jeremiah 15:16; Revelation 1:3; Psalm 119:11). Let our lights shine for Him so others will know (Matthew 5:6). No matter what people do to us, we should be good to them. Be people of prayer (Luke 18:1. John 14:14. Jeremiah 33:3).

Read the entire Psalm 119 everyday in different versions.