



## Standing On The Rock 1 – The Word And Sin

### A. Sermons Should Come From An Understanding Of The Word

1. Sermons are not “life lessons”, preaching on a subject then pulling verses together to enhance the subject.
2. The Word itself, every promise, is to be broken down and studied. Revelation of the scriptures are what instructs and gives us power to live the Christian life and not sin.
3. “Preach the Word” = Let scriptures speak for themselves and give revelation to our hearts.

### B. The Word Is Our Foundation

“Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock.

“But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall.”

#### **Matthew 7:24-27**

1. I will teach on prayer, good works, obedience, etc.
2. Each subject will be seen through the importance of the Word.

### C. The Purpose Of The Word Of God

“All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.” **2 Timothy 3:16-17**

1. The Word is to be studied (**2 Timothy 2:15**), not just read.
2. The Word is not just literature, but a guide for every area of life.
3. It is not to be studied to argue with others.
4. It is not a source of pride to look down on others.
  - a. “Other believers do not have as much Word as I do.”
  - b. “So other Christians do not know as much as I do.”
5. The result of the Word is to do “good works”, the opposite of sin.
  - a. The more of the Word you know, the more ammunition you have to use against the desire to sin.
  - b. The more Word you study, the more Word is deposited into your heart. The Word hidden in your heart helps you not to sin.

“Your word I have hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against You.” **Psalm 119:11**

#### **D. The Function Of The Word Toward Sin**

1. The Word Leads To Revealing Of Sin
  - a. Not only does the Word teach you how to be like Jesus, it tells you how much unlike Him you are.
  - b. “Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, ‘Men and brethren, what shall we do?’ “ **Acts 2:37**
  - c. “But as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct.” **1 Peter 1:15**
  - d. “Surely, after my turning, I repented; And after I was instructed, I struck myself on the thigh; I was ashamed, yes, even humiliated...” **Jeremiah 31:19**  
The Word from the pulpit can be brilliant, flowery, oratorically powerful, and intellectual. But if not applied to daily character and if it does not expose faults, it is a failure.
    - i. The Word is meant to be simple and easy to understand.
    - ii. It is not simply the hearing of the Word that is important, but the understanding of the Word.
  - e. The revelation of the Word of God brings conviction into our life. Passover lamb had to be eaten with bitter herbs. (**Exodus 12:8**)
  - f. “Then I took the little book out of the angel’s hand and ate it, and it was as sweet as honey in my mouth. But when I had eaten it, my stomach became bitter.” **Revelation 10:10**
  - g. There is mourning before comfort (**Matthew 5:4**) and humbling before exalting (**1 Peter 5:6**)
2. Revealing Of The Word Should Lead To Confessing Of Sin
  - a. “For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed.” **John 3:20**
  - b. “He who covers his sins will not prosper, but whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy.” **Proverbs 28:13**  
“When I kept silent, my bones grew old through my groaning all the day long. For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; my vitality was turned into the drought of summer.” **Psalm 32:3-4**
    - i. We can keep silent when we have sinned and do not want to repent.
    - ii. We can keep silent, too, when we hear instruction to move on.
3. The Word Leads To A Hatred Of Sin
  - a. “You who love the Lord, hate evil!” **Psalm 97:10**  
We cannot love God without hating what He hates.
  - b. “Through Your precepts I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way.” **Psalm 119:104**

- c. "Therefore all Your precepts concerning all things I consider to be right; I hate every false way." **Psalm 119:128**
- d. "You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness;" **Hebrews 1:9**
- 4. The Word Heard And Understood Leads To Forsaking Of Sin
  - a. "Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God."  
**1 Corinthians 7:1**
  - b. "...Let everyone who names the name of Christ depart from iniquity." **2 Timothy 2:19**
  - c. "You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you." **John 15:3**
- 5. The Word Guards Against Future Sin
  - a. "Your word I have hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against You." **Psalm 119:11**
  - b. The best way to keep bad seed from coming up is to plant good seed.
  - c. "The law of his God is in his heart; none of his steps shall slide." **Psalm 37:31**
  - d. "Who among you will give ear to this? Who will listen and hear for the time to come?" **Isaiah 42:23**
- 6. The Word Will Cause You To Practice Righteousness
  - a. "If you love Me, keep My commandments." **John 14:15**
  - b. "Meditate on these things; give yourself entirely to them, that your progress may be evident to all." **1 Timothy 4:15**