

Take Care of Yourself and of The Doctrine

Hermeneutics is a subject of great importance in Christian life, we will begin by saying that it is the Art of interpreting, and in this case biblical hermeneutics is of interpreting the sacred scriptures. According to the Strong G1329 concordance (διερμηνεύω) it is in Greek diermēneuo which means to interpret, to translate into a language that is understood, to explain the meaning of what is said, it comes from Strong's G2059 (έρμηνεύω) which is hermēneuo more directly "Hermeneutics", Our Lord Jesus Christ interpreted the Old Testament as the following verse indicates:

<u>Luke 24:27</u> And beginning from Moses and from all the prophets, <u>he interpreted</u> to them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.

During the last twenty centuries innumerable religious groups have been formed despite having the same Bible, what is the reason? The interpretation that each one gave to the scriptures! The correct interpretation brings blessing to our life, but the incorrect one can bring destruction, the Apostle Paul writes to one of his disciples:

<u>2 Timothy 2:15</u> Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a workman who does not need to be ashamed, who uses the word of truth well.

It is very important to interpret the writing correctly because what we understand will finally be what we will teach others and just as the teacher is, the students will be. The Lord Jesus formed students just like him, but this is also true in the wrong sense, a misinterpretation teaches the scriptures wrongly and instead of being a blessing it is of perdition as the Pharisees had understood the scripture in their own way and harmed everyone they instructed, the Lord told them:

<u>Matthew 23:15</u> Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites, because you travel the sea and the land to make a proselyte (disciple), and when he becomes one, <u>you make him a son of hell</u> twice as much as you.

If we do not understand the scripture well, we will explain badly and we will divert many from the truth, it is very important to show diligence to learn to interpret it correctly, the enemy bases his attacks on the Christian life seeking to distort the scriptures, in it we will find very deep things that the natural man will never be able to understand, for example in the epistles written by the Apostle Paul we find mysteries hidden since centuries and that now the ignorant twist to their own perdition, the Apostle Peter warned about this referring to the deep things that God gave Paul to write:



<u>2 Peter 3:16</u> That's what he says in all his letters when he writes about these things. There are parts of his letters <u>that are hard to understand</u>, <u>and some people give a wrong meaning to them</u>. These people are ignorant and weak in faith. They also give wrong meanings to the other Scriptures. But they are destroying themselves by doing that. ¹⁷ Dear friends, you already know about this. So **be careful**. Don't let these evil people lead you away by the wrong they do. Be careful that you do not fall from your strong faith. ¹⁸ <u>But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ</u>. Glory be to him, now and forever! Amen.

Note that we must be firm, in several passages we are exhorted to be firm in the faith (1 Peter 5: 9, Philippians 1:27, 2 Corinthians 1:24, etc.), but to be firm in the faith we must know the word of truth and handle it properly, that is why the previous verse tells us that we grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, we who are undoubtedly the last generation have had to live a time where God is revealing his word like never before, Daniel was told to seal the prophecies until the end time, but John in Revelations was told not to seal them because the time is short, God has promised to raise up a new generation of ministers according to his heart, ministers who will lead the people of God with knowledge and intelligence (Jeremiah 3:15).

We will approach this study in two parts:

- 1. Personal care
- 2. Doctrinal cares

We will base ourselves on the two cares that the Apostle Paul exhorts Timothy to take care of "Take care of yourself and take care of the doctrine ...", the first one tells us about the attitudes we must have to receive divine revelation, and the Second of the methods or rules of interpretation, it is useless to know the best methods of interpretation if we are not the right people to study the scriptures, we will begin by studying the personal care that anyone who wishes to be a teacher or guide must have to correctly interpret the scriptures.



Personal Care

It does not matter that one knows the best methods of interpretation and that one has the right tools, it is useless if one invests hours and hours to understand the scripture if he first does not meet the personal requirements to receive God's revelation, write it and save it in his heart:

Before starting to learn the proper methods to receive the revelation of the word, we must be the right people, some say that everyone can understand the word of God, and others say that very few, the truth is that there is only one type of person who can understand the scriptures and we should try to meet those requirements.

The Things of God are Spiritual

There is only one type of person who can understand the word of God, the Bible shows us the relationship that exists between the Spirit and the Word:

<u>Proverbs 1:23</u> Return to my rebuke; Behold <u>I will pour out my spirit</u> about you, AND <u>I will let you know my words.</u>

Notice the order, first comes the spirit and then the knowledge of the word, in the New Testament we also find this relationship:

John 3:34 For He whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God, for God giveth not the Spirit by measure unto Him.

As God gives the Spirit then the person has the words of God to be able to speak. But why does this relationship exist? The Lord Jesus explains this reality to us:

<u>John 6:63</u> It is the spirit that giveth life; the flesh profiteth nothing: <u>the words that I have spoken</u> <u>unto you are spirit and are life.</u>

The first point we must know is that the word of God is Spiritual and that is why we need to have the Spirit of God to understand it, this is not a matter of how intelligent someone can be, a genius, a scientist, a teacher of mathematics or philosophy. No matter how intelligent or wise, any person who has not been born again will never be able to understand the word of God, the born-again Christian, even if he is not intellectually prepared, will understand the word more than all of them.



Someone can get reasoning from the Bible, he can even create his own sect giving the scriptures the interpretation that he thinks is correct, but the truth is that without fulfilling the requirement of being born again he will be wrong and will mislead all who listen to him, the saying "blind guide of the blind" will be fulfilled, and both will fall into the same hole,

<u>1 Corinthians 2:7</u> but we speak God's wisdom in a mystery, even the wisdom that hath been hidden, which God foreordained before the worlds unto our glory: 8 which none of the rulers of this world hath known: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory: 9 but as it is written, Things which eye saw not, and ear heard not, And which entered not into the heart of man, Whatsoever things God prepared for them that love him.10 <u>But unto us God revealed them through the Spirit:</u> for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God

Now let's move on to the second point because there are several requirements that we must meet so that we are the right people, and we are able to learn the methods that will allow us to receive God's revelation.

Be Spiritual

It seems the same as the above, but it is not, the same problem has a blind man to see something than one who is not blind but has his eyes closed, it is not enough to be born again we must be spiritual people, the Bible speaks of three types of man:

- 1. The natural man: this is anyone who has not been born again, however intelligent he may be, this includes scientists, artists, alcoholics, prostitutes, etc. everyone who has not been born again.
- 2. The spiritual man: he is the one who has been born again, and who lives a life guided by the Spirit, evidenced by the practical exercise of the word of God, this is the one who has the ability to receive God's revelation.
- 3. The carnal man: this is the one who has been born again but lives like the natural man, walks according to the flesh or the soul, although he has the spirit, he is not guided by it and as such cannot receive the revelation of God.

If someone has not been born again, he is a natural man and as such cannot touch the word of God, no matter how hard he tries, the natural man can never receive the revelation of the word:



<u>1 Corinthians 2:14</u> But the natural man does not accept the things that are of the Spirit of God, because <u>they are insanity</u>; <u>and can't understand them</u>, because they must be spiritually discerned.

But in the same way, a born-again Christian who has a carnal behavior, will not be able to understand God's revelation, remember that revelation comes by the Spirit:

<u>1 Corinthians 2:12</u> And we have not received the spirit of this world, but the Spirit that proceeds from God, so that we may know the things that God has given us freely. 13 Of these things we are speaking, not with the words taught by human wisdom, but with <u>those taught by the Spirit</u>, interpreting the spiritual to the spiritual.

In this last verse he shows us that we must be spiritual people "interpreting the spiritual to the spiritual", it is useless to have been born again if we live a life in the flesh, the Bible teaches us that the carnal in spiritual terms are children and as such can only receive milk, that is, the elementary teachings of the gospel:

<u>1 Corinthians 3: 1</u> And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, <u>but as unto carnal</u>, <u>as unto babes in Christ.</u> ² I fed you with milk, not with meat; for ye were not yet able *to bear it*: nay, not even now are ye able.

The spiritual child can only receive milk (elementary doctrines) because his life is in the flesh as we mentioned a moment ago, the same problem has a blind person to see something that someone who, although not blind, has his eyes closed, "a carnal" is someone who has the born-again Spirit but does not use it to live a God-pleasing spiritual life.

This truth must be mentioned, although it is difficult to say, unfortunately in the congregations there are many, many people who, despite having years in the gospel, still do not understand the word and this only reveals that they are still in the flesh, the book of Hebrews tells us shows an example of this:

Hebrews 5:11 Of whom we have many things to say, and hard of interpretation, seeing ye are become dull of hearing. 12 For when by reason of the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need again that someone teach you the rudiments of the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of solid food. 13 For everyone that partaketh of milk is without experience of the word of righteousness; for he is a babe. 14 But solid food is for full-grown men, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern good and evil.



The fact that someone does not understand shows that he is a spiritual child, it shows that despite the time that has elapsed that he should be a teacher, he still needs to drink milk and cannot have solid food because this is for the spiritual, for the mature, for those who implement the word and as such they have grown to understand the will of God, what is good, pleasant and perfect, the word commands us to advance towards maturity and to pursue the deepest truths of God:

Hebrews 6:1 Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God, 2 Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment. 3 And this will we do, if God permit.

The correct person who is in the capacity to receive the revelation of the word is the spiritual person, not only who has been born again but who lives according to the spirit, let's see some reasons why someone who has been born again continues in his childhood without being able to understand the word.

Lack of consecration

<u>Deuteronomy 29:4</u> Yet to this day the Lord has not given <u>you a heart and mind to understand</u>, nor eyes to see, nor ears to hear.

The word of God shows dozens of verses with the heart-understanding relationship, the problem of lack of understanding lies in our heart, King Solomon asked God to give him an understanding heart (1 Kings 3: 9) and once when the disciples did not understand the words of the Lord, the scripture shows us that their hearts were hardened:

<u>Mark 6:52</u> because <u>they had not understood</u> about the loaves. Instead, <u>their hearts were</u> hardened.

In the book of Ephesians, we are told that people are filled with ignorance because of the hardness of their hearts, and this keeps them estranged from the life of God:

Ephesians 4:18 being darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the hardening of their heart.

Notice the clear relationship between lack of understanding and hardness of heart, in the parable of the sower we are told that the word is the seed and that the heart is the earth, but those who did



not understand the enemy came and stole the seed and it could not bear fruit, the whole problem lies in the heart, Daniel was a man of understanding because from his heart he sought to understand the word of God (Daniel 10:12), that is why the main commandment that God gives us is:

<u>Mark 12:30</u> And you will love the Lord your God <u>with all your heart</u>, and with all your soul, and with all your mind and with all your strength. This is the main commandment.

This command calls us to total consecration, the Lord rebuked Israel because they honored him with their lips, but their hearts were far away and for that reason Israel was a people without understanding (Isaiah 1:3), there is no revelation from God if not before there is consecration, the problem for which people live for years without understanding the scriptures is their lack of consecration. God will not reveal his word to those who are not willing to fulfill it, before the revelation comes there must be a disposition in us to fulfill it, said in simple words, God says "Why do you want me to reveal the word to you if you are not willing to fulfill it?", we must separate ourselves for God, if we have all our hearts to serve the Lord then he will reveal his word to us, we will mature and reach all the blessing He have for us.

Eye problem

To better understand the problem of consecration we will see the role of the eyes, the scriptures declare the relationship between heart, eyes and understanding:

<u>Proverbs 23:26</u> My son, give me thine heart, and let thine eyes observe my ways. <u>Isaiah 44:18</u> They neither know nor understand; <u>because their eyes are closed so as not to see</u>, and their heart so as not to understand.

According to how our eyes see, that indicates our level of consecration, the word tells us that if our eye is good, we will be full of light, remember that the eye is the lamp of the body (Matthew 6:22), what does it mean to have a good eye? Let's look at the context of these verses:

Matthew 6:19 Do not lay-up treasures on earth, where moth and rust corrupt, and where thieves break into and steal; 20 But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust corrupt, and where thieves neither break through nor steal. 21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. 22 The lamp of the body is the eye; so, if your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light; 23 but if your eye is evil, your whole body will be in darkness. So, if the light that is in you is darkness, how many will not be the same darkness? 24 no one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.



Before speaking of the principle of the eye, the Lord speaks of laying up treasures in heaven and not on earth, and then he speaks of the fact that you cannot serve two Lords, to have a good eye is to have our sight in the things of God and to serve, only God. Consecration is related to how we see things, where we have our eyes set, if we are born again we must have our eyes on Jesus Christ (see Hebrews 12: 2 and Colossians 3: 1-2), because if we are Seeing the earthly riches, our hearts will bow to the things of the world and not to consecration to God, the word tells us that whoever wants to befriend the world becomes an enemy of God (James 4: 4), when Solomon consecrated the temple The Lord declared that his heart and eyes would be in that house as He sanctified it:

<u>2 Chronicles 7:16</u> For now have I chosen and sanctified this house, that my name may be there forever: and mine eves and mine heart shall be there perpetually.

If we want to receive God's revelation, we must consecrate ourselves totally for God, and for that we must learn to see correctly, we cannot be thinking about the things of the world and wait for God to reveal his word to us, we must be willing to fix our gaze only on the things of the world. things from above God will take us from glory to glory, from revelation to revelation, here a virtuous circle begins:

If we dispose our hearts to serve God and put his word into action, he will bring us revelation, but each new revelation will bring greater demands for consecration, the moment we stop putting the word into action at that moment the revelation stops flowing, the point is to always live consecrated, to dispose our hearts to always obey and then his revelation will always come.

The revelation of God is not a simple knowledge that we did not have before, the revelation is life that is transmitted from God to our Spirit.

We can summarize the personal requirements in:

- 1. To be born again.
- 2. Being Spiritual
- 3. Being always consecrated to God

Paul prayed for the Spirit to give him revelation and wisdom to better know God and understand his purposes and the power that operates in us who believe:

Ephesians 1:15 For this reason I also, having heard of the faith in the Lord Jesus that is among you, and of your love for all the saints, 16 I do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers; 17 asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation in a better knowledge of Him.



Personal Attitudes

There are people who despite being born again and seeking God with all their hearts still do not reap results in the scripture, they may have even the spirit of revelation, but it is not enough to be the right person, we must also have the right attitude, yes, if we do not sow in the study of the word, we will never reap the revelation that God brings, in general we will mention some tasks that we must carry out in this process of study:

1. Daily reading

Every Christian has the duty to read the word of God, only through it can we know the riches that God has for us, Jesus told the Pharisees:

<u>Matthew 21:42</u> Jesus said to them: <u>Have you never read in the scriptures</u>: The stone that the builders rejected, has become the head of the corner. The Lord has done this, and is it a wonderful thing in our eyes?

We must be responsible in our reading of the word, we cannot read eight hours one day and another day not fifteen minutes, it is necessary that we form a discipline in reading we should not put burdens on ourselves that we will not allow us to fulfill our study goals, about thirty minutes a day to start would be enough, of course the ideal would be one or two hours but remember we must be responsible and do it every day.

2. Scrutinize

Daily reading alone is not enough, we must go to the degree of scrutinizing the scriptures, what is scrutinizing? To understand it better, let's imagine that we are looking for a garment in our closet, we know it is there, but we cannot find it, so we remove all the clothes until we get to it, this is scrutinizing, it is doing a detailed reading, and only informative but as a search for the truths of scripture, the Lord said to the Pharisees:

<u>John 5:39</u> <u>Search the scriptures</u>; because it seems to you that in them you have eternal life; and they are the ones who bear witness to me.

By searching we will begin to find how the scripture testifies of Jesus from Genesis to Revelation, the Apostle Paul came to Thessalonica to preach the gospel of Jesus to them, and the scripture



shows us that those from Thessalonica searched to see if what the Apostle Paul was telling them was truly stated:

Acts 17:11 And these they were more noble than those who were in Thessalonica, who received the word with all solicitude, searching the scriptures every day to see if these things were so.

We must do an informative daily reading, but we must also search to find the truths of the scripture, the Bible declares that those who search are more noble people than those who do not.

3. Memorize

All these steps are complementary and necessary in our preparation to receive God's revelation, the scripture declares that the word of Christ must abound in us:

<u>Colossians 3:16</u> The <u>word of Christ abide in abundance in you</u>, teaching and exhorting one another in all wisdom, singing gracefully in your hearts to the Lord with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs.

How do we make the word abound in us? We must read it, scrutinize it but also memorize it, it is very important that we begin to memorize portions of the scripture, how could we correctly quote the word unless we memorize it? Memorizing it is filling ourselves with it in our hearts and minds, when we see the New Testament beginning with our Lord Jesus, he quoted the written word verbatim:

<u>Matthew 4:4</u> He answered and said: It is written: Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes out of the mouth of God.

The apostles throughout the book of Acts quoted the word verbatim, in the speech that Peter gave at Pentecost he quoted the book of Joel, then before the council he cited the Psalms:

Acts 2:16 Rather, this is what was said through the prophet Joel: 17 It will happen in the last days, says God, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh. Your sons and your daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, and your old men will dream dreams. 18 Verily, on my male and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they will prophesy. 19 I will show wonders in heaven above, and signs on earth below: blood, fire, and vapor of smoke. 20 The sun will be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and glorious day of the Lord comes.



Acts 2:25 For David says of him: I saw the Lord ever before me; because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken. 26 Therefore my heart is glad, and my tongue rejoices. Moreover, my flesh will rest in hope, 27 because you will not abandon me in Hades or allow your holy one to see decay. 28 You have revealed the paths of life to me; you will fill me with gladness in your presence. Peter did not say "more or less so the scripture says" NO! They cited correctly because they had memorized the texts and then the Holy Spirit was able to enable them at the right time. Memorizing the scriptures is something important, from what we do in our daily reading, let's take one or two verses and let's memorize it if we do it like that in a couple of years we will know hundreds of verses that the Holy Spirit will extract when necessary, this is how it works We memorize the revelation but it is the Lord who brings them out at the right time to bring us light on what we read, we fill ourselves with water but it is the Lord who turns it into wine, we must take as an example men like Stephen who could give a speech to those of the Jewish council, he summarized the scriptures from the call of Abraham, through Isaac, Jacob,

4. Compare

After we go to the level of scrutinizing, we are going to realize that in some passages we will not find everything we are looking for and then we will begin to search in parallel passages where the same topic is discussed, when we begin this, we must make comparisons because in some places there is more light than on others, and we will learn the Biblical principle:

Psalm 119: 160 The sum of your word is true; all your righteous judgments are eternal.

To better understand a truth we must compare all the verses, chapters and even books that speak on the subject, for example to know about salvation, law, and grace we should at least read Romans, Galatians and Hebrews, to know more about the ministry of the Lord Jesus while he was on earth we must compare what the four gospels narrate, in the comparison we will realize that because some narrate an angle and others another angle, for example in John it is the only gospel where we see the expression "in truth Truly I tell you", what does this mean? When we begin to compare, we realize that John shows the Lord in his divinity, as a son of God and as God, in Matthew we see that we are given the genealogy of the Lord and all the prophecies that he fulfilled as the Messiah, Matthew shows us the Lord as the King, and so on we begin to discover and understand The Scriptures correctly. There are several things we must compare:

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We begin to compare the facts and the attitudes of the characters in certain situations, and we will find tremendous truths, for example, the Lord Jesus had two different attitudes with two people who came to him to perform a miracle for them.

The leper

Matthew 8: 2 And behold, a leper came and prostrated himself before him saying, "Lord, if you want, you can cleanse me!" 3 Jesus reached out and touched him saying, "I want to." Be clean! And immediately he was cleansed of the leprosy.

This man came with faith without doubting he told him if you want you can, paraphrasing it would be "I know that you can, only as long as you want", this man pleased the Lord and Jesus not only told him to be clean, he manifested his love because he said "I want to, be clean", so when we come to him with faith knowing that He can do everything, then we will find his answer" I want, receive your blessing", but we see the other case.

The man with the demonized son

<u>Mark 9:22</u> And many times he throws him into the fire and into the water, to kill him; <u>but if you can do something</u>, have mercy on us, and help us. 23 Jesus said to him: If you can believe, everything is possible to the one who believes. 24 And immediately the boy's father cried out and said: I believe; help my unbelief.

Notice the attitude of this other man if you can do something! He arrived without faith, without believing that Jesus can do everything, and the Lord reproaches him because the best translation of his answer is "as if you can, of course everything I can", evidence of this is that after the admonition the man realized that he did not have faith and cried out" help my unbelief", when we compare the attitude of the Lord in reflection of the attitude of the people we realize that He loves the one who approaches with faith, but to the unbeliever, he makes him see first his need for faith because the word declares that without faith it is impossible to please God. We cannot hope to receive from God if we arrive without faith, if we are lacking in faith and we recognize our condition then Let us cry out, Lord help my unbelief!

Collate the prophetic

We must also keep in mind the eschatological part, as teachers we cannot neglect something so important, Jesus ordered us to be awake and attentive to future events to recognize the time of his coming so we must compare and see what prophecies speak about the same, Daniel in ancient times is a clear example of a student of prophetic events, despite being a prophet he scrutinized



other portions of the word given by another prophet and was able to understand the events of the future:

<u>Daniel 9: 2</u> In the first year of his reign, I, Daniel, <u>I could understand</u> in the books the number of years in which, by the word of the LORD <u>that was revealed to the prophet Jeremiah</u>, the desolations of Jerusalem were to be fulfilled: seventy years.

To understand about the prophecies that are in the second coming of the Lord we must first compare how the prophecies of the first coming were fulfilled and we will realize many truths that will transform our way of thinking and seeing the Word, Luke the writer of the gospel of the same name was someone who investigated everything and ordered to better understand things, the comparison implies investigating and ordering:

<u>Luke 1:3</u> So it also seemed good to me, <u>since I have carefully investigated everything</u> from the very first, to write to you in an orderly sequence, most honorable Theophilus,

And as good researchers who compare everything, we must learn to compare the two testaments, because as we said there are things that are spoken in many passages of scripture:

<u>Matthew13: 52</u> And He said to them: That is why every scribe who has become a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out new things and old things from his treasure.

We must know that the Old Testament is a shadow and figure of the new (Hebrews 10: 1), but that the new must be contained in the old as well, all apostolic doctrine is based on the Old Testament, Jesus said that it must be fulfilled. that is in the law, the psalms, and the prophets (this is a way of saying the Old Testament). We must investigate why we don't accept things just because they tell us about what we believe, let's be like those from Berea, let's compared to see if that's the case.

5. Meditate

When we already read, scrutinize, memorize, and compare the writing, we can meditate on it. What is meditating on the word? It is having our thoughts on it at all times, it is trying to understand why? Of certain things, it is trying to receive from God the answer that makes us understand his purposes, it is seeking to know his will and go after everything he has for us, this is what God said to Joshua.

<u>Joshua 1:8</u> Never let this book of the Law depart from your mouth; rather, <u>meditate on it day</u> <u>and night</u>, so that you keep and fulfill everything that is written in it. That way you will be successful, and everything will be fine for you.



Meditation of the word opens the doors of blessing to us to know God more, we will begin to receive the understanding about the work of God, about the majesty of God, about his sovereignty, his magnificence, his glory, then our heart will begin to be transformed, David said:

<u>Psalm 119:15</u> In your commandments <u>I will meditate</u>; <u>I will consider</u> your ways. 16 <u>I will rejoice</u> in your statutes; <u>I will not forget</u> your words. 17 Do good to your servant; long live and <u>save</u> your word.

Meditation brings consideration about our life and the path we are taking, we rejoice when we understand God's purpose, and we do not forget to keep his word because it begins to be a greater delight every day, to meditate is to learn to listen to the voice of God in response to our need to know more about him and his word.

We must know that God wants to speak to us (Psalm 118: 5), and that we must develop the ability to hear God's voice, we must ask God directly as Job did (Job 38:1), wait for God's answer (Psalm 28:1) and treasure his answers, put the word into action, we should not only be hearers, but doers of the word.

Summarizing the attitudes, we can say that we must:

- Read daily
- Scrutinize
- Memorize
- Compare
- Meditate

Obstacles to Revelation

We are going to list some obstacles that can prevent us from receiving God's revelation:

Denominationalism

Starting to carry doctrines of men that have no biblical foundation, or that are based on misinterpretations of texts, this can take away all the blessing of a correct interpretation, if we want to impose our truth, or our way of thinking we will not achieve the true revelation. We must remove all denominationalism and understand that the truth is one and we must be willing to rectify and correct our mistakes.



Men's traditions

Another problem is wanting to establish as doctrine mandates that men in their religiosity have established, to continue like this is to put a barrier that prevents divine revelation, this made the Pharisees establish laws that had no foundation in the word:

<u>Titus 1: 3</u>This testimony is true. Therefore, reprimand them severely to make them sound in the faith, 14 ignoring Jewish myths and <u>to the commandments of men</u> who stray from the truth.

Prejudices

We must remove all prejudice on account of gender, race, social status, etc. Some people believe that because they do not have professional studies in the secular, they are at a disadvantage to receive the revelation, but remember that it is not with our mind (soul) it is by the Spirit, it is not human wisdom, it is divine wisdom.

Culture

Unfortunately, culture has affected us many times as far as the appreciation of the truth, we want to believe that something is from God for the simple fact that the majority say so, but here it does not depend on the majority, but on the word of God, we must understand that the only and absolute truth is that revealed in the Bible, when we give importance to other sources of teaching we are deviating from the path to God's truth.