

PRAYING AND SINGING THE SCRIPTURES

LESSON 03

"This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it (Word) day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it (Word). For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success." (Joshua 1:8 ESV)

My precious child,

I'm calling you to take pleasure in receiving revelation from the Holy Scriptures. "Instead you thrill to God's Word, you chew on Scripture day and night. You're a tree replanted in Eden bearing fresh fruit every month—never dropping a single leaf, always in blossom." (Psalms 1:2-3 The Message Bible) There is such power in My Word—as you take time to carefully reflect and ponder the Holy Scriptures I have given you, I will heal, restore you, and fill you to overflowing.

As I breathe on you My Life-Breath, My Word will open up to you as NEVER before. You will feast and be satisfied by the marvelous spiritual banquet I prepared just for you. It's not about quantity or speed, but the ATTITUDE with which you read and pray the Scriptures. Little will be gained by rushing through it out of obligation.

So TRY THIS: When you turn to a passage I've led you to read, ask the Holy Spirit to reveal the deeper meaning behind the Words on the page. Be careful to read it (Word) slowly, take it (Word) all in, and contemplating its meaning. When you begin to sense My presence, linger in that moment and allow Me to reveal Myself to you from that verse.

Praying the Scripture is a Spirit-led approach to reading the Word. But, as previously mentioned, it can't be done in a hurry. In fact, it's good to read it aloud, so that it goes through the ear-gate then through the mind and spirit. Refuse to speed through one passage

to the next, until you sense the heart of what I mean. Then speak that passage back to Me in prayer, making it (Word) a petition, in worship. At that point, I will reveal to you things you've never known.

My Holy Spirit will be your Teacher and will reveal hidden gems of truth, hidden manna, and nuggets of wisdom from the Word. You will extract new truths as I begin to reveal My heart to you, treasures not found anywhere else. Don't be like a bumble bee that simply flies by, scarcely touching the flower. Rather you must saturate yourself in My Word, so that it (Word) penetrates deep into your spirit, and its revelation begins to transform you.

As you wait before Me, resting in My Presence, be aware of your spirit, and resist distractions that will try to come against you. If you wait on Me, I will break through for you and fill you with a great joy and a sense of expectancy, believing Me for great things. Drink deeply of My Word in the secret place, and let Me satisfy the cravings within you.

Did you know that you can also sing the Scriptures to Me in worship? You open the Word and begin to sing the verses back to Me. Sing about who I am, what I've done, and don't forget to remind Me of My Promises. Don't worry about how well you sing. I am listening for the cry of your heart rather than the quality of your voice, so don't try to impress Me—just show Me how much you love Me. Every song is a delight to My ears, a sacrifice of praise, a sweet fragrance that blesses My heart.

Praying and singing the Scriptures brings growth and healing into your life. My Word is alive and powerful. I desire to quicken it (Word) to you—to make it (Word) come alive within you and transform you and your circumstances—to see you grow into My likeness verse by verse. I will heal you as you pray and sing My Word. I will restore you with a personal Word I quicken to your heart. I will rescue you from apathy and defeat and stir the embers of the fire that's died within you. I will visit you in ways you never imagined, as you drink deeply of the Water of Life found in My holy Word.