

The Battle for the Mind – Part 3

Lesson 8

2 Chronicles 7:14; Psalm 119:97-100; Matthew 5:13-16, 38-48;

1 Peter 2:21-23

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Learning to Think with a Christian Mind

INTRODUCTION

People are special because of the signature of God on our lives. We are God's work of art—humanity created in His image to do good deeds. We are significant not because of what we do but because of who we are—Christians.

Chapter 19, Of the Law of God, of the Westminster Confession of Faith says:

God gave to Adam a law, as a covenant of works, by which He bound him and all his posterity [future generations], to personal, entire, exact, and perpetual obedience; promised life upon the fulfilling, and threatened death upon the breach of it; and endued him with power and ability to keep it.

If we believe the Bible is absolute truth, we should love God's Law because it keeps us safe, secure, and healthy.

Memory verse: “Oh, how I love your law! I meditate on it all day long. Your commands are always with me and make me wiser than my enemies.”—Psalm 119:97-98

Pray, and the passages listed above. What questions or observations do you have about them?

OBSERVATION: What does the passage say?

1. What must we do to be heard by God?
(2 Chronicles 7:14)

2. What does meditating every day on God's law do for us?
(Psalm 119:98)

3. How can we glorify God, our Father in Heaven?
(Matthew 5:16)

4. What does Jesus say about giving and lending to people?
(Matthew 5:42)

5. How does Jesus respond to verbal abuse, threats, and suffering? (1 Peter 2:21-23)

4. In 1 Peter 2:23, to whom did Jesus entrust himself who judges justly? (1 Samuel 2:10; Romans 12:19; Hebrews 4:13)

APPLICATION: How do the passages apply to your life?

1. David says he loves God's law and meditates on it all day long (Psalm 119:97). He says it brings him wisdom, insight, and understanding (Psalm 119:98-100). Do you turn to God for wisdom, insight, and understanding, or do you rely on yourself? How so?

2. Jesus says to “...love your enemies and pray for those that persecute you....” (Matthew 5:44) How do you love your enemies? (Romans 12:20; Ephesians 4:32; 1 Peter 3:9) How does loving your enemies and praying for your persecutors affect your attitude toward them?

3. In what specific ways do you try to be “perfect” or “holy”? (Matthew 5:48 or Leviticus 19:2, respectively) In what ways do you feel you fall exceptionally short, and what could you do to improve?