

Mansion Builders - Meditating and Imagining Scripture

Meditating scriptures is a huge way that allows the Word to abide in us, as well as to pass through the Word into His rest. That's because the Word is truth, just as Jesus is the Word, and Jesus is the truth.

When we are meditating the Word we can meditate from our soul or heart.

SOUL

Our soul may understand what the word is saying but will misinterpret what God is meaning. Why? Because the soul will seek to save itself at the first sign of death. When the fear of death comes the soul will retreat to self-protection rather than to trust in God's help.

HEART

The heart will allow the word to grow and eventually bear the fruit it carries in seed form. It will believe, imagine, bring forth and speak. When we give God the right to His outcome and His way we are moving from soul to heart, from outward to inward.

As we learn to have His word abide in us, and pass through His word into rest, we are letting Jesus abide in us. Soon, His words form our thoughts invade our emotions and create our imaginations. As our imaginations stay on Him, then He keeps us securely in perfect peace. This forms our confession of hope in His presence.

Here are five steps in **Encountering God in His Word**.

- 1) **Look for the door inside the Word** to experience God in and then go through it. This can be found in our need or offense - something lacking or something stuck.
- 2) **Explore the meaning of the verse** - using your concordance or dictionary or cross references.
- 3) **Imagine it's fulfillment** - experience it's fulfillment inside your imagination. Often this will grow into visions and prophecy.
- 4) **Watch for what else might appear** - i.e. Scriptures, images, feelings, directions, thoughts and ideas. Then follow them into discovery. Ideas link to one another, and what might appear a random thought, often is the Holy Spirit shining His light on a linking revelation.
- 5) **Expand the scriptural meaning** by reading further into the context-the verse inside the chapter, or inside the story. Finding the pearl inside the field is the beginning of buying the field to own the treasure.

Coming in May:

COACHING

Mansion Builders begin coaching those looking to learn how to abide Christ. I would love if you would be willing to commit to being part of this team. If you are willing, please send a "Yes, I am in" reply to this email. Together we can learn this new paradigm of discipleship. You may also be on our team by including mansions in your current ministry or small group.

The commitment is for a year. We will meet monthly on the first Wednesday of the month, from 6-6:50pm online, and live in the sanctuary, where we will build one another up, sort out discoveries, answer questions, and who knows?

Let us be Your mansions,

Steve