

## Strengthening The Inner Man

### Pt 2 – How To Get Into God's Word For Yourself

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#### A. The Power Of Internalizing God's Word

##### 1. Heb 8:10-12 (TNIV)

<sup>10</sup> *This is the covenant I will establish with the house of Israel after that time, declares the Lord. I will put my laws in their minds and write them on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people.* <sup>11</sup> *No longer will they teach their neighbors, or say to one another, 'Know the Lord,' because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest.* <sup>12</sup> *For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more."*

- a. God imprints His Word in us
- b. What happens when God's Word is internalized?

##### 2. "...transformed by Your Word and Your Spirit..."

#### B. The Practice Of Getting Into God's Word

##### 1. Plan for Word time

- Discipline... then delight
- Determine time, place and pattern

##### 2. Picture the Word

- 2 Greek words for "mind"
  - ➔ Dialogismos
  - ➔ Dianoia – Eph 1:18 (TNIV)

<sup>18</sup> *I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his people*

### 3. **Proclaim** the Word

- Jewish practice
- Biblical meditation
- Rom 10:8 (ESV)

<sup>8</sup> *But what does it say? <sup>(A)</sup>“The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim);*

### 4. **Probe** the Word

#### **Scripture – Heb 1:9 (NKJV)**

<sup>9</sup> *You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness; Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You with the oil of gladness more than Your companions.”*

#### **Observe**

#### **Application**

#### **Prayer**

- James 1:22 (Good News)

<sup>22</sup> *Do not deceive yourselves by just listening to his word; instead, put it into practice.*

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***Points to ponder:***

1. From Heb 8:10-12, what are the benefits you can enjoy when God's Word is internalized
2. How do you plan to be more consistent in spending time in God's Word?
3. Attempt to use the S.O.A.P tool for your personal time in God's Word.