

“Hid in My Heart (3): Audience with the Eternal”

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- Psalm 95:7 TNIV—“Today, if only you would _____ his _____ .”
 - ◆ “Today, if only you would hear My voice as you read My Word.”
 - ◆ *My Life Today* 283: “The Bible is _____ voice speaking to us, just as surely as if we could hear it with our ears. If we realized this, with what awe we would open God's Word and with what earnestness we would search its precepts. The reading and contemplation of the Scriptures would be regarded as an _____ with the Infinite One.”
 - ◆ “We are to open the Word of God with reverence and with a sincere desire to know the will of God concerning us. The heavenly _____ will direct our search. _____ speaks to us in His Word. We are in the audience chamber of the Most High, in the very presence of God. _____ enters the heart.” (Ibid)
 - ◆ If we remembered that, these two realities would be true:
 - #1—We'd _____ the Book a lot more.
 - God wants a private audience with me?
 - Jeremiah 9:23, 24
 - John 17:3
 - #2—We'd read the Book a lot more _____ and _____ .
 - John 5:39
 - This Book is a love letter from your _____ all about your _____ .
 - Which is why it is so essential that before you read this Word you _____ to its Author.
 - *Steps to Christ* 90: “Never should the Bible be studied without _____ . Before opening its pages we should ask for the enlightenment of the Holy Spirit, and it will be given.”
- Seven phenomenal benefits from reading, studying and memorizing the Word of God—you will be blessed:
 - ◆ #1—_____
 - Daniel 1:5, 8, 12, 14, 15
 - “Prayer and a study of the word bring *life and health* to the soul.” (6T 253)
 - “The study of the Bible in our schools will give the students special advantages. Those who receive into their hearts the holy principles of truth will work *with increasing energy*.” (CT 450)
 - ◆ #2—_____
 - Daniel 1:17-20
 - “As an educating power, the Bible is without rival. Nothing will so impart vigor to all the faculties as an effort to grasp the stupendous truths of revelation.” (MLT 23)

- “The Word of God is the most perfect educational book in the world.” (FCE 394)
- “Used as a textbook in our schools, the Bible will do for mind and morals what cannot be done by books of science and philosophy.” (CT 422)

◆ #3 _____

- Psalm 119:97-101.
- “He who gives Scripture close, prayerful attention will gain clear comprehension and sound judgment, as if in turning to God he had reached a higher grade of intelligence.” (1 MCP 95)
- “The Bible just as it reads is to be our guide. Nothing is so calculated to enlarge the mind and strengthen the intellect as the study of the Bible.” (1 MCP 93)
- “Let the more important passages of Scripture . . . be committed to memory, not as a task, but as a privilege. Though at first the memory may be defective, it will gain strength by exercise . . .” (CG 511)
- According to the *Journal of the American Medical Association* (Vol 287, No 6, p 742), the National Institute of Aging found that “adults who regularly participate in intellectually stimulating activities [such as memorization] may reduce their risk of developing dementia such as Alzheimer’s disease by as much as _____ .”
- Psalm 119:130
- “The Bible is the best book in the world for giving intellectual culture. Its study taxes the mind, strengthens the memory, and sharpens the intellect more than the study of all the subjects that human philosophy embraces.” (GW 99)

◆ #4— _____

- The Bible can help you _____ your life companion.
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◆ #5— _____

- Malachi 3:10.
- “Whenever God’s people, in any period of the world, have . . . acknowledged the claims of God, and complied with His requirements, honoring Him with their substance, their barns were filled with plenty.” (CS 347)

◆ #6— _____

- “Let the youth take the Bible as their guide, and stand like a rock for principle, and they can aspire to any height of attainment. There is no limit to the knowledge that they may reach. You may aspire as you wish, but there will always be an infinity beyond.” (ST, March 4, 1889)

◆ #7— _____

- Psalm 119:11.
- “Received into the soul, [the Word of God] will prove a mighty barricade against temptation.” (Ed 190)

- “You can fight against the enemy, not in your own strength, but in the strength God is ever ready to give you. Trusting in His Word, you will never say, ‘I can’t.’” (AH 357)
- “In [the Bible’s] power, men and women have broken the chains of sinful habit. They have renounced selfishness. The profane have become reverent, the drunken sober, the profligate pure. Souls that have borne the likeness of Satan have been transformed into the image of God. This change is itself the miracle of miracles. A change wrought by the word, it is one of the deepest mysteries of the word.” (Ed 171)
- “The Bible, fully received and studied as the voice of God, tells the human family how to reach the abodes of eternal happiness, and secure the treasures of heaven.” (FE 444)

Please memorize: Psalm 119:130

hear, voice, God’s, audience, angels, God, Christ, read, carefully, prayerfully, Creator, Savior, talk, prayer, Physically, Academically, Mentally, 47%, Socially, find, keep, Financially, Professionally, Spiritually,