

## **Meditating on His word.**

Hebrews 4:12 – <sup>12</sup> For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

- Father thank you for your word. That it is alive and active. That it still speaks. That it's still true. That it doesn't return void.
- Thank you that your word leads, guides, searches, and knows us.
- Thank you that your word has the final say. That there is no other word that compares to your word.
- Your word gives life. Your word leads to eternal life.
- We pray that your life would be alive and active in our lives today.

Psalms 1:1-3 – Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mocker <sup>2</sup> but whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on his law day and night. <sup>3</sup> That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither—whatever they do prospers.

- Lord, let us be a people who delight in your word. I pray we would be a people who meditate on your law day and night.
- That we would write it on our heart.
- Lord let us be like the tree planted by streams of water. Let your word, your living water be the source we draw from all of our life.
- I pray that we would bear fruit from being so engaged with your word.
- And Lord we thank you for your promise. That when we meditate on your word, whatever we do prospers.
- I decree and declare that this year we would be a people that prospers. That moves forward.

Jeremiah 20:9 – But if I say, “I will not mention his word or speak anymore in his name,” his word is in my heart like a fire, a fire shut up in my bones. I am weary of holding it in; indeed, I cannot.

- Father I pray that your word would be in our hearts like a fire, like fire shut up in our bones. That we could not help but let it out.
- That we cannot help but proclaim the good news.
- That we cannot help but speak up when we see evil.
- That we cannot help but share the word with those around us. At school. At work. In homes. At dinner. Everywhere we go.
- I pray that your word would be burning in so many of us that the word would be proclaimed everywhere.
- Lord as we read your word set us a blaze.

T: Lord let us be like the two men on the road to Emmaus when they said...

Luke 24:32 – <sup>32</sup>They asked each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?”

- As we interact with your word Lord I pray our hearts would burn within us.
- As we read the scripture and sit with you would you open the scriptures to us.
- We ask for fresh revelation as we read and meditate on your word.
- Would you write it on our hearts.

Father God I thank you that Jesus defeated the enemy in the desert with your word when he was tempted.

- That all he had to say was it is written.
- I pray that we would be a “it is written” kind of people.
- That when we come up against opposition or the enemy we would remind ourselves of what has already been written!
- When temptation comes – We would say it is written:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 10:13 - <sup>13</sup>No temptation<sup>[c]</sup> has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted<sup>[d]</sup> beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted,<sup>[e]</sup> he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.
- When the lies of the enemy come – We would say it is written:
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 10:4-5 - <sup>4</sup>The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. <sup>5</sup>We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.
- When trials come – We would say it is written:
  - James 1:2-4 - <sup>2</sup>Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters,<sup>[a]</sup> whenever you face trials of many kinds, <sup>3</sup>because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. <sup>4</sup>Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.
- When feelings of loneliness come – We would say it is written:
  - Deuteronomy 31:8 - <sup>8</sup>The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.”
- When feelings of lack come – We would say it is written:
  - Psalms 23:1 - The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.
- When we feel brokenhearted – we would say it is written:
  - Psalms 34:18 - The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.
- Lord would you write your word on our hearts.
- Like James write, I pray that we would not just be hearers of the word, but doers of the word.
- I pray we would fall in love with your word and make it the foundation we build our lives on.

- That we would be like the man who built his house on the rock. That when the wind and rains come and blew against the house it stood strong because it was built on you.
- Lord let us be a people who hear your word and apply it to our lives.
- I decree this year we would be a people that not only knows your word, but makes it the foundation we build our lives upon.

Lord there is nothing better than your word.

- Your word is a lamp for our feet and a light on our path.
- We cling to your word as we enter into the new year.
- Let us fall in love with your word this year.
- Let your word be the well we draw from our entire life.
- We love you Lord. Set our hearts on fire. Let us burn for you. Make us like the tree planted by streams of water. Amen.

### **Prayer for Renewing Covenant and Deepening Intimacy with God**

Heavenly Father,

We come before You today with hearts longing for deeper intimacy with You. The one thing we desire above all else is to dwell in Your presence, to live in Your house all the days of our lives, and to gaze upon Your beauty and glory. To seek You, to know You, and to remain near You always.

Father, we renew our covenant with You today. We commit ourselves fully to You, surrendering all that we are and all that we have. Draw us closer. Teach us to trust You more deeply, to walk faithfully in Your ways, and to delight in Your Word.

In Your presence, Lord, we find peace and safety. You are our refuge, strength, and hiding place in times of trouble. Help us to make Your presence our dwelling place. Stir within us a hunger for Your Word and a passion for worship. Remove anything that hinders our walk with You and fill us with the joy of knowing You more deeply.

Thank You, Father, for Your steadfast love and faithfulness. Thank You for the promise that when we draw near to You, You will draw near to us. We renew our commitment to seek You with all our hearts. We trust that as we do, You will reveal more of Yourself to us and transform us to reflect Your glory.

### **Prayer of Praise and Intimacy**

We come with hearts full of praise, to worship You in spirit and truth. You are worthy of all adoration and thanksgiving, and we lift up Your name in gratitude.

Thank You for the gift of praise that draws us closer to You. Align our hearts with Your will and let our worship bring us deeper into Your presence. May our praise be a sweet offering that draws us closer to Your heart this year.

## Prayer of Praise Using Biblical Expressions of Worship

### HALAL Praise

Lord, we HALAL You for Your holy name (1 Chronicles 16:10). We HALAL the beauty of Your holiness (2 Chronicles 20:21), for You are radiant in glory and splendor. We HALAL You because we understand and know that You are the Lord, full of lovingkindness, justice, and righteousness (Jeremiah 9:23-24). We HALAL You because we trust in Your Word and stand firm on Your promises (Psalm 56:10). With loud and joyful hearts, we HALAL You for Your mighty acts and Your excellent greatness (Psalm 150:2).

### YADAH Praise

Father, we lift our hands and YADAH You for Your goodness and steadfast love (Psalm 106:1). We YADAH You for Your faithfulness through all generations (Psalm 89:5). We YADAH You because Your mercy endures forever (Psalm 118:1). We YADAH You for Your wonderful works done in faithfulness and truth (Isaiah 25:1), and we YADAH You because You keep covenant and mercy with those who love You (Daniel 9:4).

### TOWDAH Praise

Lord, with willing hearts, we offer TOWDAH to You in thanksgiving. We enter Your gates with thanksgiving and Your courts with praise (Psalm 100:4). With joyful singing, instruments, and the sounds of cymbals, we lift our TOWDAH to You as a sacrifice of gratitude (Nehemiah 12:27). Thank You, Lord, for the daily blessings You pour into our lives.

### SHABACH Praise

We lift a loud SHABACH to declare Your greatness, O Lord! We shout with joy and testify to Your triumph in our lives (Psalm 106:47). And we are in awe of how You SHABACH the seas, calming the tumult and chaos with Your power and peace (Psalm 65:7). Let our SHABACH resound, declaring that You alone are God!

### ZAMAR Praise

Father, we ZAMAR You with the music of our hearts and the sounds of instruments. We sing and proclaim Your marvelous deeds among the nations (Psalm 9:11). You have turned our mourning into dancing and filled us with joy so that our hearts may ZAMAR and never be silent (Psalm 30:12).

### BARAK Praise

Blessed are You, Lord, for Your marvelous kindness and strength (Psalm 31:21, 144:1). Blessed are You, O Lord, for daily loading us with benefits and being the God of our salvation (Psalm 68:19). We BARAK You, Lord, for Your wondrous works, for You are clothed in majesty and honor (Psalm 104:1).

### TEHILLAH Praise

Lord, we lift a spontaneous TEHILLAH to You, inviting You into the most intimate parts of our hearts. Your Spirit fills us with the oil of gladness and replaces our heaviness with the garment

of TEHILLAH praise (Isaiah 61:3). You have created us to declare Your TEHILLAH (Isaiah 43:21), and we are grateful that You inhabit the praises of Your people (Psalm 22:3). May our worship rise as a fragrant offering to You, O God. Be glorified in our praises, for You are worthy.

DECREE:

We decree our that our praise will turn our hearts to God the Father and renew our covenant with Him.

Amen.