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**Where Is It Written?**

Matthew 4:8-11 Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; (9) And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me. (10) Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve. (11) Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him. (KJV)

Again we see the devil taking a shot at the Lord; and again we see that it was foiled, and it was the devil that took a hike, and not one of God’s people. The question asked of our Lord is the same one the enemy is asking also, “so where is this word really written”? Now the chapter and verse was not the answer, rather where is it really written?

Psalms 119:10-11 With my whole heart have I sought thee: O let me not wander from thy commandments. (11) Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee. (KJV)

When one acquires a treasure they put it in a place where it cannot be stolen. When one treasures the things of God more than those of the world then this word is hid in their heart and is treasured more than anything in the outward. God’s word is living and powerful and sharper than any two edged sword, which can cut through the lies and nonsense of the devil and provide the truth that sets one free.

2 Corinthians 3:2-3 Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all men: (3) Forasmuch as ye are manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart. (KJV)

The letter of the law kills, just like the thief who came to steal your joy and peace with just a twist of the scriptures. Many carry their Bibles around in public thinking that makes them a Christian; however, for the few who are truly chosen by our Lord they keep the Word hidden and know it by heart.

Hebrews 10:15-16 Whereof the Holy Ghost also is a witness to us: for after that he had said before, (16) This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them; (KJV)

We should be operating in the new covenant and not according to the old law. This new covenant works when you allow this word into the heart and then it renews our mind, and reminds us of who we really are in Christ and not what the enemy wants us to think.

1 Peter 5:8-9 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: (9) Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world. (KJV)

The only way you can faithfully resist the wiles of the devil is when you get to know the truth of God’s word by heart, which will set you free. A lion goes about making a lot of noise to try to scare up the weak and feeble so that he can get an easy meal. The more you get the Word into your heart the more real and alive it becomes, while the lies and the deceptions of the enemy don’t have any teeth.

Psalms 51:6 Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts: and in the hidden part thou shalt make me to know wisdom. (KJV)

It’s the outward man, or the old way of thinking, that should be perishing on a daily basis so that a new man can come to life and prevail. God’s own people perish for lack of knowledge; and they don’t walk in wisdom if His word does not become alive and real within the heart.

Psalms 45:1 My heart is inditing a good matter: I speak of the things which I have made touching the king: my tongue is the pen of a ready writer. (KJV)

Are you a vessel fit and ready for the Master’s use? Out of the abundance of the heart is what the mouth will speak. So today true church in Christ, when the enemy comes along and asks you personally ‘where is it written’, you can tell him from the heart it is written and where he can take his false doctrine.