**By DE & CQ**

**Topic 28:** Memorization & review of Bible verses and God’s promises

1. **short prophecy messages from Jesus to children, on the subject.)**

1.Loving Me and My Word gives joy and leads you to the right things that you need to make you truly happy, and helps alert you when something tries to enter in that will steal away that happiness. My Word hidden in your heart can speak to your conscience and warn to you turn away from joy stealers, and tell you what is best and what will make you, and Me and others truly happy.

2. The Word you’ve memorized will keep you safe. Living in this fallen world is like making your way through a minefield full of bombs that’ll explode when stepped on. The only way to make it is by listening closely to the voice of the Spirit guiding you, step by step, through the minefield. I love those who keep My Word in their hearts. The Word you’ve got stored up will save your life!

3. Those who love Me will keep My Words and store them in their hearts. My Father and I are thrilled when we see you doing that. We promise that we’ll come and stay with you all your life through. That’s because we see you making the right choices and laying up spiritual treasures in your heart. –Instead of filling your mind with the latest gadgets and garbage from the internet and video games. “Well done!” I’ll say when I see you doing that.

4. Do you know how I beat the Devil those 40 days in the wilderness? It was because I had the Word in my heart. Every time, he came at me with temptations, I just quoted the Word to him. “It is written….” When I was your age, I spent a lot of time studying and memorizing the Word. All through life on Earth, the Word strengthened me. In my final moments on the cross, all I had was the Word in my heart. That Word helped me win out over sin and hell and death. That was the greatest victory of all!

5. Memorizing the Word is not something you do just for yourself. If you have the Word of God stored up in your heart, the Spirit can bring those verses to your mind when someone needs your help or when you’re telling others about me. Your mind is like a computer and it needs to be programmed with something. So, choose the best program--My Word—and store it in your heart and mind.

1. **Short true story, or object lesson or reflection, on the subject.)**

1.John Wanamaker was a rich businessman who owned a chain of department stores in New York, Philadelphia, London and Paris. He once said, “In my lifetime, I have bought many things which have cost me thousands of dollars. But the best purchase I ever made was a Bible I bought for $2.50. That was my greatest purchase because the Bible has made me what I am today.” John Wanamaker loved the Bible, read it and memorized it.

2. A dear Christian lady had memorized much of the Bible by heart. As she got older, however, her memory began to slip away. Eventually, she could only remember one verse: “I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day.” Then that verse started to slip away, too. As she lay dying, her loved ones noticed her lips move. When they bent closer, they heard her repeat: “Him, Him, Him.” --She had lost the whole Bible except for that one word, but she had the whole Bible in that one word.

3. When Tommy left for college, his parents gave him a Bible. They told him it would be a great help in his time of need. Soon, Tommy wrote home asking for money. His parents wrote back telling him to read his Bible, citing chapter and verse. Tommy replied, “I am reading the Bible, but I still need money!” Then his parents knew he was not reading the Bible. They had tucked $10 and $20 bills in the Bible next to the verses they had told him to read.

4. Rebecca struggled a lot with fear and negative thoughts. Sometimes, she would get free, but as soon as something came up, out they pounced again! Rebecca wrestled with her fears and negativity, but they only came back again and again. Finally, she thought of memorizing verses. Memorizing the Word occupied her mind and made it easier to shake off the bad thoughts when they came. Now Rebecca is free and has an amazing new spiritual weapon.

5. If you love Me, keep My Word. Hide My Word in your heart and it will keep you from the evil that will soon come upon all the world. The Devil hates the Word of God and is out to destroy it. He’s even trying to literally destroy Bibles, along with people’s faith in it. Soon the only Word you’ll have is what’s stored in your heart. You’ll need that Word so that you can instruct many in the Endtime days that are coming.

**(5 Prayers & praises on the subject.)**

1. Jesus, I love you and praise You! Thank You for Your marvellous Word and how it always comforts and helps me. I love Your Word and want to faithfully memorize and review it. Hiding Your word in my heart will keep me spiritually strong and close to You. I love You, Jesus.

2. Jesus, Your words are spirit and life and they bring life to me. Thank You for that, Jesus! No matter how small or how weak I feel, Your words give me the power to live life like a hero. The more I hide the Word in my heart, the more I have of You and Your love. Thank You, Jesus!

3. Thank You that Your Words are like hidden manna. They feed me and give me strength like nothing else can. Thank You that I can be Your disciple. Thank You for showing us the importance of memorizing so that we can be disciples that please and honor You.

4. I love You, Jesus. Thank You for coming to Earth and being the Word incarnate. You are the Living Word and the more I drink in Your Word and feast on it, the more I have of You. Help me to never neglect Your Word and always keep it first in my heart and mind.

5. Jesus, Your words are so beautiful! Your Word is everything to me. It is a light on my path, a voice in my ears, a roadmap for my journey and a rock to build my life on. Help me to always cherish Your word and faithfully hide it in my heart so I can be a strong disciple and win others to You, dear Jesus.

 **(5 Quotation from others, or hymn portion, or poem portion on the subject—names of who wrote it, or “author unknown” if don’t know.)**

1. “I never saw a useful Christian who wasn’t a student of the Word” --D.L. Moody

2. “Read the Word to get the facts, study it to get the meaning, memorize it to get the benefits” – Unknown.

3. “No man is uneducated who knows the Word, and no one is wise who is ignorant of its teachings” – Samuel Chadwick.

4. “The mariner provides his tackling in harbour before he sets out to sea; and the wise Christian will store himself with promises for health in sickness and peace for future perils” --William Gurnall.

5. “A Bible stored in the mind is worth a dozen stored in the bottom of a trunk” – Unknown.

1. **Bible verses or portions on the subject)**

### 1.Psalm 119:11 Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against Thee

2.Colossians 3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom

3. Joshua 1:8 This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.

4. Psalm 119:9 Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed thereto according to Thy word.

5. Psalm 37:31 The law of his God is in his heart; none of his steps shall slide.

6. Proverbs 6:21-22 Bind them continually upon thine heart, and tie them about thy neck. When thou goest, it shall lead thee; when thou sleepest, it shall keep thee; and when thou awakest, it shall talk with thee.

7. Psalm 119:16 I will delight in Your statutes; I will not forget Your word.

8.Proverbs 4:20-21 My son, attend to My words; incline thine ear unto My sayings. Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart.

9. Jeremiah 15:16  Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and Thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart:

### 10. I Tim 4:15 Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all.