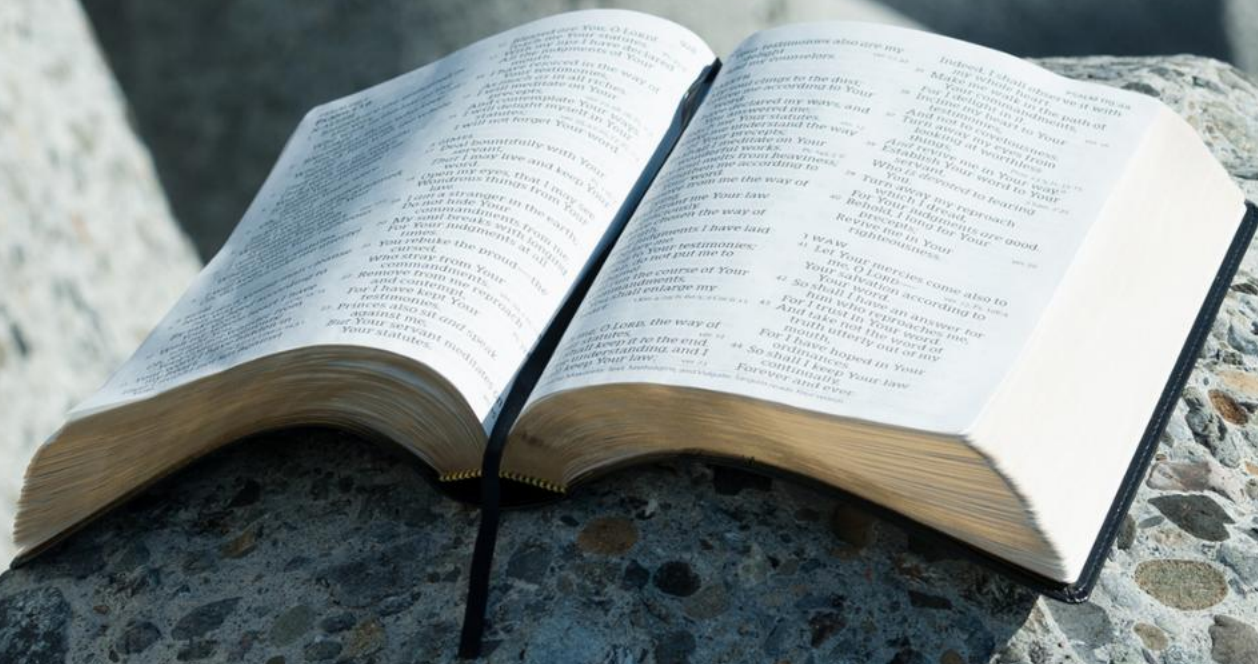


HIDDEN IN MY HEART



An open book lies on a large, textured rock in the foreground. The background is a blurred coastal scene featuring a lighthouse on a distant shore and a body of water under a hazy sky. The entire image is dimmed with a dark overlay.

Hide it deep

Psalm 119:9-11 (NLT)

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¹¹ I have hidden your word in my heart,
that I might not sin against you.

Example of an Acrostic

SMART goals

- S – Specific
- M – Measurable
- A – Attainable
- R – Realistic
- T – Timely

Psalm 119 is an acrostic for the Hebrew alphabet!

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Jeremiah 29: 10-14 (NLT)

¹⁰ This is what the LORD says: “You will be in Babylon for seventy years. But then I will come and do for you all the good things I have promised, and I will bring you home again. ¹¹ For I know the plans I have for you,” says the LORD. “They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope. ¹² In those days when you pray, I will listen. ¹³ If you look for me wholeheartedly, you will find me. ¹⁴ I will be found by you,” says the LORD. “I will end your captivity and restore your fortunes. I will gather you out of the nations where I sent you and will bring you home again to your own land.”

Nehemiah 8:8-10

- ⁸ They read from the Book of the Law of God and clearly explained the meaning of what was being read, helping the people understand each passage.
- ⁹ Then Nehemiah the governor, Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who were interpreting for the people said to them, “Don’t mourn or weep on such a day as this! For today is a sacred day before the LORD your God.” For the people had all been weeping as they listened to the words of the Law.

How can a young person stay pure? By obeying your word. Psalm 119:9

1. The Word Guards our Hearts

After years in exile, Israel didn't just need walls – they needed boundaries for their hearts

Psalm 119:10 (NLT)

I have tried hard to find you— don't let me wander from your commands.



Psalm 119:10

I have tried hard to find you— don't let me wander from your commands. (NLT)

With my whole heart I seek you; let me not wander from your commandments! (ESV)

2. Delight Comes from Devotion

Psalm 119:11 (NLT)

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that I might not sin against you.



Word emphasis method – Rick Warren

- I have hidden your word in my heart
- I **have** hidden your word in my heart
- I have **hidden** your word in my heart
- I have hidden **your** word in my heart
- I have hidden your **word** in my heart
- I have hidden your word **in my heart**

Word emphasis method – Rick Warren

- **That I** might not sin against you
- That I **might not** sin against you
- That I might not **sin** against you
- That I might not sin **against you**

3. Repetition Leads to Remembrance

In closing

- Are we just reading scripture, or delighting in it?
- Are we visiting it occasionally, or letting it guard our daily steps?
- Are we just hearing the word, or hiding it in our hearts?