

Sermon Series: Got Bible For That?

Passage: Proverbs 4:23-27

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PREMISE

In the proper care and feeding of the soul it is both helpful and instructive to consider the examples, the encouragements and the exhortations of Scripture as well as those enemies of the soul throughout the Bible.

OT Examples

In the beginning God...
God rested from His labors...
God created man in His image...
God placed Adam in his proper place...
God defined Adam's role, responsibility and relationships...Adam listened to God, doubted God and disobeyed God...and heard.

Then, there are a host of characters whose examples encourage and educate us, both positively and negatively.

Enoch *walked* with God...Genesis 5:24

Abraham...beginning in Genesis 12 and throughout His life...

Moses *spoke* with God in the Tent of Meeting...Exodus 33:11

Joshua *fell on his face* in God's presence...Joshua 5:14

David *encouraged himself in the Lord*...1 Samuel (23:16) & 30:6

David In repentance for sin...Psalm 32 & 51

Ezra *set his heart to study the law of the Lord and to practice it, and to teach His statutes and ordinances to Israel*...Ezra 7:10

Isaiah records in chapter 6 and Isaiah 66:1-2

Jeremiah found God's words and *ate* them for they were precious

to him...Jeremiah 15:16

Daniel *purposed in his heart*...Daniel 1:8

Cain killed his brother...

Achan with reference to God's ban...Joshua 7

Saul of whom was written...1 Samuel 15:22

Elijah and fatigue...1 Kings 18 & 19

Nebuchadnezzar in Daniel 4 became as an animal due to his unrighteousness, iniquity, not showing mercy to the poor (perhaps with or because of a healthy dose of pride) because a few verses later, Daniel 4 reads *The king reflected and said, "Is this not Babylon the great, which I myself have built as a royal residence by the might of my power and for the glory of my majesty?"*

The Scriptures also read *While the word was in the king's mouth, a voice came from heaven saying, Kind Nebuchadnezzar, to you it is declared sovereignty has been removed from you...*

NT Examples

Jesus in following the Spirit's leading, getting alone, fasting, dealing with the devil and the Scripture on tap at all times
...Matthew 4:1-11

Jesus's in prayer...Mark 1:35, et al

Jesus's strategy of ministry...Mark 3:14

Jesus, taking the scroll...Luke 4:17

Jesus *set his face like a flint*...Luke 9:51

Jesus saying *It is written how many times?*

Jesus in choosing His Father's will...Luke 22:42

Jesus in always pleasing His Father...John 8:29

Jesus on sanctification and truth...John 17:17

Jesus on what is important now...John 20 & 21

OT Encouragements

Psalm 8, 19, 27, 32, 51, 73, 103, 119, 121, 139, 145, et al (Psalm 18:2, 27:14, 31:24, 71:4-5)

NT Encouragements

The Holy Spirit's role...John 14, 15 & 16

The importance of the OT...Romans 15:4

Example after example... Hebrews 11

OT Exhortations

For our good...Deuteronomy 10:12 & 13

A lamp and a light...Psalm 119:105

NT Exhortations

Romans 15:4

Colossians 3:1-3, 16 & 17

OT Enemies

The seven deadly sins to which we are all susceptible: anger, greed, sloth, pride, lust envy and gluttony illustrated over and over again throughout 39 books.

NT Enemies

The seven deadlies plus...the *worries, cares and riches of this world*... Matthew 13 (historically the world, the flesh and the devil)

The [Council of Trent](#) sixth session, degree on justification,

<http://history.hanover.edu/early/trent/ct06d1.htm>

Nevertheless, let those who think themselves to stand, take heed lest they fall, and, with fear and trembling work out their salvation, in labours, in watchings, in almsdeeds, in prayers and oblations, in fastings and chastity: for, knowing that they are born again unto a hope of glory, but not as yet unto glory, they ought to fear for *the combat which yet remains with the flesh, with the world, with the devil*, wherein they cannot be victorious, unless they be with God's grace, obedient to the Apostle, who says; We are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh; for if you live according to the flesh, you shall die; but if by the spirit you mortify the deeds of the flesh, you shall live.

The phrase may have entered popular use in English through the [Book of Common Prayer](#), which includes in its [Litany](#)