

Sermon Outline

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August 27, 2023

“Cherishing God”
Pastor Luke Young

Psalm 119:9-16

Main Point: When we guard our hearts with the Word of God, it produces a holiness in our lives that exalts Jesus Christ.

1. The Word of God Protects Us from the Ambush of Sin

2. The Word of God Gives Us a Spirit of Wisdom

A. The Desire to Know the Wisdom of God

B. The Desire to Proclaim the Wisdom of God

3. The Word of God Gives Us Joy in Our Salvation

A. Read God's Word with Expectation

B. Read God's Word with Persistence

Holiness is the habit of agreeing in God's judgement, hating what He hates, loving what He loves, and measuring everything in this world by the standard of His Word. He who most entirely agrees with God- he is the most holy.¹

"If the Lord shall make me be able to declare what he has done for my soul I intend to communicate it, that what has fixed me may fix others also."²

"The Word of God came in His own person, because it was He alone, the image of the Father who could recreate man made after the image... You know what happens when a portrait that has been painted on a panel becomes obliterated through external stains. The artist does not throw away the panel, but the subject of the portrait has to come and sit for it again, and then the likeness is re-drawn on the same material. Even so was it with the All-holy Son of God. He the image of the Father, came and dwelt in our midst, in order that He might renew mankind made after Himself, and seek out His lost sheep."³

¹ *Holiness*, J.C. Ryle

² *Theological Treatise*, Lucy Hutchinson. Taken from the book *5 Puritan Women*, Jenny-Lyn de Klerk

³ *Incarnation*, Athanasius