

Christians on Campus
Fall 2022 Worship & Ministry Series
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Song 1 - *Jeremiah 15:16; Psalm 119:15*

Your words were found,
And I ate them.
And Your words became,
Became to me,
The gladness and joy
Of my heart,
Became the gladness and joy
Of my heart.

I will muse upon Your precepts,
And regard Your ways,
I will turn the Bible into
Both my prayer and praise.
I will sing it in the morning,
And I'll pray it all day long,
Until Jehovah has become
My strength and song.

Song 2

My heart is hungry, my spirit doth thirst;
I come to Thee, Lord, to seek Thy supply;
All that I need is none other but Thee,
Thou canst my hunger and thirst satisfy.

Chorus:

Feed me, Lord Jesus, give me to drink,
Fill all my hunger, quench all my thirst;
Flood me with joy, be the strength of my life,
Fill all my hunger, quench all my thirst.

Thou art the food and the water of life,
Thou canst revive me, my spirit upbear;
I long to eat and to drink here of Thee,
Thyself enjoy through my reading and prayer.

Thou art the Word with God's fulness in Thee,
Thou too the Spirit that God my life be;
Thee in the Word I enjoy as my food,
Thou as the Spirit art water to me.

Thou from the heavens as food camest down,
Thou to be drink hast been smitten for me;
Thou as the food, my exhaustless supply,
Thou as the water, a stream unto me.

Reading God's Word and Receiving God's Word by Means of All Prayer

Genesis 18:1-2a “And Jehovah appeared to him by the oaks of Mamre as he was sitting at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. And he lifted up his eyes and looked, and there were three men standing opposite him.”

Genesis 18:16-17 “And the men rose up from there and looked down upon Sodom; and Abraham walked with them to send them away. And Jehovah said, “Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do?”

John 1:1 “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.”

John 1:14 “And the Word became flesh and tabernacled among us (and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only Begotten from the Father), full of grace and reality

Jeremiah 15:16a “Your words were found and I ate them, / And Your words became to me / The gladness and joy of my heart.”

Matthew 4:4 “But He answered and said, It is written, ‘Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that proceeds out through the mouth of God.’”

Ephesians 6:17-18 “And receive the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which *Spirit* is the word of God, by means of all prayer and petition, praying at every time in spirit and watching unto this in all perseverance and petition concerning all the saints.”

Praying and Reading the Bible Going Together

God has ordained two ways for man to enjoy Him. The first is through prayer, and the second is through reading the Bible. Praying and reading the Bible are as necessary as man's two feet...because they naturally go together. When we walk, we exercise our left and right feet. Every person who enjoys and absorbs God knows from experience that prayer should accompany the reading of God's Word and that reading the Bible should accompany prayer. Praying without reading is the same as walking with one foot, and reading without praying is also the same as walking with one foot. In order to walk normally on the pathway of enjoying God, we cannot have one “foot” without the other. This means that whenever we absorb God, we need to match our prayer with reading and our reading with prayer.

A Habit of Reading the Word

When we spend time with the Lord, whether in the morning or at any other time, we should have two kinds of Bibles. We should have the Bible that is engraved on our heart and sealed by the Holy Spirit, and we should have a visible Bible that we hold in our hand. It is preferable for the visible Bible to be a pocket-sized version so that we can take it with us and read it wherever we may be. In our reading we can mingle praying with reading; we can pray-read and read-pray the Bible. This kind of reading can be done at any time. It is not legal. However, according to our experience, morning is the best time. (Adapted from *How to Enjoy God and Practice the Enjoyment of God*, chapter 14)

Questions for fellowship:

1. What is the difference between the constant, written word (*logos*) and the instant, spoken word (*rhema*)?
2. What is the function of *logos* and *rhema*, respectively, in our Christian life?
3. How do you receive *logos* and how do you receive *rhema*?

Assignment: Try one of the following this week:

- Read and pray-read (emphasis reading, read-pray, muse over, sing, or partner pray-read) any section of Psalm 119 this week.
- Read and emphasis pray-read Psalm 23
- Read and pray over the verses in the Daily Bread