

## Are You Keeping the Word?

**Proverbs 4:20-23** - My son, give attention to my words; Incline your ear to my sayings. <sup>21</sup> Do not let them depart from your eyes; **Keep** them in the midst of your heart; <sup>22</sup> For they are life to those who find them, and health to all their flesh. <sup>23</sup> Keep your heart with all **diligence**, for out of it spring the issues of life.

**Keep:** Shamar - To guard, to protect - to hedge about with thorns, to attend to, to mark and regard, to keep, retain and treasure up in memory.

**Diligence:** Mishmar - To guard and protect. A deposit

**Joshua 1:8** - This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall **meditate** in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.

**Meditate:** Hagah - Ponder, mutter, study, imagine

**Proverbs 4:22** - For they are **life** to those who find them and **health** to all their flesh

**Life:** Chay - flourishing, thriving life

**To those who find them:** Matsa - to take hold of, to attain, to encounter

**Health:** Marpe - A cure - medicine

**John 10:10b** - ...I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly

**John 14:6** - I am the way, the truth and the life...

**John 1:1-5** - In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, **and the Word was God**. <sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup> All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. <sup>4</sup> **In Him was life**, and the life was the light of men. <sup>5</sup> And the **light shines** in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

**Light shines:** in the present tense continual

**Comprehend:** Katalambano - dual compound word: Kata - carries the force of

something that is dominating. Lambano - means to seize or grab hold of. Together they mean to seize, to pull down, to tackle, to conquer or to hold under one's power.

***This verse could read:*** "Darkness does not have the ability to suppress or to hold the light under its domain."

**Proverbs 7:1-5** - My son, **keep** my words, and treasure my commands within you. <sup>2</sup> **Keep** my commands and live, and my law as the apple of your eye. <sup>3</sup> Bind them on your fingers; Write them on the tablet of your heart. <sup>4</sup> Say to wisdom, "You are my sister," And call understanding your nearest kin, <sup>5</sup> That they may keep you from the immoral woman, from the seductress who flatters with her words.

**Keep:** Shamar - Treasure up in memory, count as precious & of great value - guard, protect

**Proverbs 7:5** - That they may **keep** you from the immoral woman, from the seductress who flatters with her words

**Psalm 19:7-11** - The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul; The testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple; <sup>8</sup> The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; The commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes; <sup>9</sup> The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever; the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

<sup>10</sup> More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold; Sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb. <sup>11</sup> Moreover by them Your servant is warned, and in **keeping** them there is great reward.

**1 Samuel 2:30b** - for those who honor Me I will honor, and those who despise Me shall be lightly esteemed.

**Dispise:** Bazah - simply means to disesteem or to dishonor. To put no real value upon as precious.

**Psalm 119:129-130** - Your testimonies are **wonderful**; Therefore my soul **keeps** them. <sup>130</sup> The **entrance** of Your words gives light; It gives understanding to the simple.

**Wonderful:** Pele - A miracle, miraculous, sign & wonders, a marvel

**Entrance:** Petach - Opening or doorway. The root of this word means **to draw out**. Like drawing water up from a well. It also carries the meaning of: **to engrave upon**. Sounds just like writing or engraving the Word on the tablet of our heart.

**Habakuk 2:2** - Write the vision and make it plain on tablets that he may run who reads it.

**Proverbs 8:34-35** - Blessed is the man who listens to me, watching daily at my gates, ***waiting*** at the posts of my doors. <sup>35</sup> For whoever finds me finds life, and obtains favor from the Lord

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**Waiting:** Shamar - Treasure up in memory, count as precious & of great value - guard, protect, to keep from being snatched away. To wait for and to wait upon so as to be impacted upon with it's bountiful resources and life.

**My doors** - Eager expectancy - the entrance of God's wisdom and Word, ready to be drawn out and engraved upon our hearts

### **3 Attributes of a Blessed Man**

1. Who listens daily to the wisdom of His Word  
Ps 46:10 - Be still and know...
2. Who is watching daily at His gates  
Ps 100:4 - praising & worshiping recognizing God's gift to us
3. Who is waiting at the posts of His doors  
Heb 4:16 - As a son

**Proverbs 19:16** - He who ***keeps*** the commandment ***keeps*** his soul, but he who is careless of his ways will die.

Again, Shamar

**Mark 4:24** - Then He said to them, "Take heed what you hear. With the same measure you use, it will be measured to you; and to you who hear, more will be given.