

Time in Israel - LBL - Did God Say? - Kris V

Significance of a Happy Soul

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I. The DOOR into Abundant Life !

John 10:9 I am **the door**. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will **go in** and **out** and find pasture. [SLIDE 1]

We go IN so that we can go OUT and find Life.

10a The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. [SLIDE 2]

10b I came that they **may have life** and have it **abundantly**.

HOW DO WE GO IN?

II. Success — the WORD made Human!

A. Joy & Success — Biblical Meditation

From *Opinions* ABOUT God to *Knowing* God.

Psalm 1:1 Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; [SLIDE 3]

2 but his **delight** is in the law of the Lord, and on his law **he meditates¹ day and night.**

Delight is the Goal. Joy comes from being loved.

3 He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. **In all that he does, he prospers.**

Building Neural Pathways to LOVE & Access to Abundance

B. Possessing the Great and Precious Promises

Josh 1.3 Every place that the sole of **your foot will tread** upon I have given to you.... ASSIGNMENTS

4..., **all the land ... shall be your territory.**

5 **No man shall be able to stand before you...** PROMISE OF HIS PRESENCE & PRESENCE OF HIS PROMISE

7 **Only² be strong and very courageous**, being **careful to do** according to **all the law...** Do not turn from it ..., that you may have **good success wherever** you go.

8 This Book of the Law shall **not depart³ from your mouth**, but you shall **meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful 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.** [SLIDE 4]

By this Joshua will **THRIVE**, be more than a conqueror and enjoy abundant life! **3John 2 - prosperous soul**

Obstacles, difficulties, trials increase our faith!

¹ Heb - *haga* - mutter, moan, growl, rumble, utter

² *unchanging* lit. - thin (no wiggle room) straight gate, narrow way

³ cease, stop

C. Meditation on Promises

Isaiah 31:4 For thus the Lord said to me, “As a lion or a young **lion growls over his prey**, and when a band of shepherds is called out against him he is **not terrified** by their shouting or daunted at their noise, so the Lord of hosts will come down to fight on Mount Zion and on its hill.

“It’s mine! You can’t take it from me!”

Proverbs 15:28 The heart of the righteous **ponders** how to answer, but the mouth of the wicked pours out evil things.

Psalms 19:14 Let the **words** of my **mouth** and the **meditation** of my **heart** be **acceptable** (a **delight, pleasurable**) in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

MUTUAL DELIGHT!

III. The Word — Creation

John 1:1 **In the beginning** was the Word, [SLIDE 5]

Here is the Word’s **eternity**. He had no beginning of his own; when other things began, he—was.

and the Word was **with** God,

Here is the Word’s **personality**. A distinct personal being, one who stands in an eternal relation to God of active fellowship (this is what the phrase means).

and the Word **was** God.

Here is the Word’s **deity**. Though personally **distinct** from the Father, he is **not a creature**; he is **divine** in himself, as the Father is.

2 He was **in the beginning** with God.

3 **All things** were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.

Here is the Word **creating**. He was the Father’s agent in every creative act. All that was made was made through him.

4 In him was life,

Here is the Word **animating**. There is **no physical life** in the realm of created things **except in and through him**. Here is the Bible answer to the **origin** and **continuance** of life, in all its forms: **life is given** and **maintained** by the Word. Created things do not have life in themselves, but life **in** the Word, the second person of the Godhead.

and the life was the light of men.

Word **revealing** reality. Awareness of **something beyond us**. **Whispers** of God.

Ps 19 - the Heavens declare...

14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, **[SLIDE 6]**
Word **incarnate ~ Human**. The baby in the manger the Eternal
WORD.

and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the
Father, **full** of grace and truth.

Identity. The Word, is revealed by the Incarnation to be **God's Son**.
"The glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father"

16 For from his **fullness** we have all received, **grace upon
grace**. **[SLIDE 7]**

Waves of Divine Empowerment, one after another!

18 TPT No one has ever **gazed upon the fullness of God's splendor**
except the uniquely beloved Son, who is cherished by the
Father and held close to his heart.

Now he has **unfolded** to us the full explanation of who God
truly is!

HOW IS THIS UNFOLDED?

IV. The Word — New Creation

A. Nourishing Our Inner Man

A child's core relational template is downloaded face to face from the mother between 2 and 9 months. **6 cycles per sec.**

MEDITATING ON THE WORD — DAY AND NIGHT — FEEDING

1 Peter 1:23 since **you have been born again**, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the **living and abiding word** of God;

2:2 Like newborn infants, **long for the pure spiritual milk**, that **by it you may grow up into salvation**— 3 if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Our basic template is downloaded from the Lord meditating on the creative Word and beholding His goodness.

TO HAVE MY SOUL HAPPY IN THE HIM!

B. Creative Declaration

Rom 10.6 But the righteousness based on faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) 7 "or 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). 8 But what does it say? "The **word** is near you, in **your mouth** and in **your heart**" (that is, the **word of faith** that we proclaim); 9 because, **if you confess** with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and **believe** in your heart that God raised him from the dead, **you will be saved**.

The WORD is in our mouth and in our heart

I DECLARE that I have a sound mind filled with good thoughts, not thoughts of defeat. [slide 8]

By faith, all things are possible. I am anointed. I am equipped. I am empowered. [slide 9]

My thoughts are guided by God's Word every day. [slide 10]

No obstacle can defeat me, because my heart is programmed for victory. [slide 11]

V. PROMISES and PARTICIPATION

2Pet. 1:3 His divine power has **granted to us all things** that pertain to life and godliness, through the **knowledge** of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, [slide 12]

4 by which **he has granted to us** his **precious** and **very great promises**, so that **through them** you may **become partakers of the divine nature**, having **escaped** from the **corruption that is in the world** because of **sinful desire**. [slide 13]

PARTNERS in the NEW CREATION through Him Who Saved You.

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