



# Before the THRONE

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Psalm 119:9 – 11

“Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed thereto according to Your Word. With my whole heart have I sought You: O let me not wander from Your commandments. Your Word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against You.”  
Psalm 119:9 – 11

The Word of the Lord – the Scriptures – is our instructor, our road map and our safety net. Without the Scriptures we would have no accurate way to objectively know the thoughts and mind of the Lord. “The law was our schoolmaster to bring us to Christ.” (Galatians 3:24) It is from the Word of God that we first learn of our sin in a way that is outside of our own conscience. The conscience of all men convicts them but without God’s Word to direct and clarify our conscience all sort of bizarre concepts and religious ideas are then formed to sooth the pangs of that conscience.

The Word of God also acts as our road map for living. It is this God-breathed Book that the Holy Spirit – the Guide continually refers us to that we might have a true and sure spiritual compass – keeping us safe from the doctrine of demons and the deceptions of our own heart.

And finally, the Bible is our safety net. It speaks clearly to issues that men are apt to hedge upon. “All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.” (2 Timothy 3:16 – 17). The Word of God hidden in the heart acts as both coach and referee constantly warning, encouraging, correcting and helping the believer navigate life’s turbulent waters.

When was the last time you committed to memory a pertinent Bible verse? Here is a help in your memorization. Use a small card you can carry conveniently with you. Write down the reference followed by the verse, concluding once again with the reference. Now you are ready to memorize, meditate and prayer over this verse throughout your day, making it apart of your language of prayer!

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