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Sermon Title : Treasures in the heart
Text : Luke 2:18-19

“And all those who heard it marveled at those things which were told them by the shepherds. 19 But Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart.”

Introduction

Do you notice the difference of response to the shepherd’s announcement and that of Mary’s?

She exercised her memory, and involved her affection, and when her understanding was shaped, her life changed.

These are 3 very powerful faculties of a human being.

1. Her Memory

This is where we register all our thoughts, things that we heard, saw and felt. We need to learn to remember what we have heard from the Lord, and what He has done for us.

2. Her affections

This is the somewhere inside of us where we feel the things that we see, hear, touch and smell.

Let your fond affections hold Him fast for evermore.

Love the person of your Lord!

There may be times when your understanding cannot comprehend, that is when you let your affections apprehend; and if your spirit cannot compass the Lord Jesus in the grasp of understanding, then we just have to embrace Him in the arms of affection.

3. Her intellect

This is the part of our inner being where we have been shaped through the years, and we become what we are today. The kind of attitude, our ‘ways’, the kind of person we are.

We need to meditate on what God has said and to let it sink deep within.

Conclusion

A home that treasures God's Word (Deuteronomy 6:6-9)

6 "And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart.

7 "You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.

8 "You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes.

9 "You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates."

An example of how you can trust God's promises, and rejoice.

"Remember the word to Your servant, Upon which You have caused me to hope"
(Psalm 119:49)

Whatever your especial need may be, you may readily find some promise in the Bible suited to it.

Are you faint and feeble because your way is rough and you are weary?

Are you seeking after Christ, and thirsting for closer communion with Him?

Are you distressed because of sin, and burdened with the heavy load of your iniquities?

Are you afraid lest you should not be able to hold on to the end, lest, after having thought yourself a child of God?

Have lost the sweet sense of the Saviour's presence, and are seeking Him with a sorrowful heart?