

# “Then I Remembered the Word of the Lord”

Acts 11:16

## Introduction:

- A. Christians need to know the Bible well. (2 Tim. 3:15-17)
  - 1. May need it at any moment — to help self and others. (1 Tim. 4:16; 2 Tim 2:2)
  - 2. Means much study and meditation. (cf. Ps. 1:2; Acts 17:11)
    - a. Public and private study
    - b. Before we need it.
- B. Christians are helped through many difficulties by being able to say: “Then I remembered the word of the Lord”

## Discussion:

- I. When We Should Do Our Duty — Remembering Can *Constrain* us (Acts 11:16-17).**
  - A. We may be reluctant because of apathy, fear, prejudice or discouragement.
  - B. But, remembering the word of the Lord can compel us to act.
- II. When We Are Tempted — Remembering Can *Contain* Us (Psa. 119:11).**
  - A. Jesus and “it is written” (Matt. 4; Lk. 4)
  - B. “Divers (various, manifold) temptations” (Jas. 1:2)
    - 1. To quit (Gal. 6:9).
    - 2. To get too involved in this life (2 Tim. 2:4).
    - 3. To compromise a little with false brethren (Gal. 2:5,6).
      - a. In name of “united front” (Jas.3:17).
      - b. In name of “our image” — (1 Cor. 5:6;10,11; 1 Cor. 15:12,33; 2 Tim. 2:16-18).
- III. When Our Faith Is Challenged — Remembering Can *Confirm* it (Jude 16-19).**
  - A. By the plausible wisdom of this world.
  - B. By the flattery of false teachers.
  - C. By the scoffers of our simple faith.
- IV. When We Daily Face the World — Remembering Can *Conform* Us to Truth. (Jas. 1:23-25)**
  - A. Rather than conforming to the world (cf. Rom. 12:2)
  - B. Transformed into His image.
- V. When We Have Sinned — Remembering Can *Convict* Us (Luke 22:61-62).**
  - A. May sin under pressure.
  - B. Remembering can turn us around.
- VI. When We Are Discouraged — Remembering Can *Comfort* Us (Rom. 15:4)**
  - A. When bereaved (1 Thess. 4:13)
  - B. When we or loved ones are sick (Jas. 5:13ff).
  - C. When mistreated (Matt. 5:10-12)
  - D. When our world “falls apart.” (Job).

## Conclusion:

- A. We need to study now - before we actually need to apply it.
  - 1. May be too late to start searching when really need it.
  - 2. May not be able to call and ask someone in midst of a temptation.
- B. We need to study and learn not so we can remember then.
  - 1. Will probably remember more than we think if we really need it.
  - 2. But, will not remember what we have never known.