

MEDITATION VS. MEMORIZATION

Meditation is not an exercise of the mind to strengthen the mind's capacity to remember INFORMATION. That is the function of memorization. Memorization is the ability to remember facts or information like spelling words, the multiplication tables, phone numbers or passwords on your accounts.

Meditation is the act of thinking about something over and over again to receive REVELATION that will expand your spirit. It has the power to change your vision and strengthen your faith. For example, Genesis 15:5 tells us what happened to Abram, "And He [God] brought him forth abroad and said, Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them: and He [God] said unto him, So shall thy seed be".

God got Abram out of his tent so he could get a visual image of something beyond himself and his ability to believe. Every time he saw the stars, he remembered God's Word to him concerning producing an heir of his own from his own body. God said his seed would be as many in number as the stars.

How did Abram, later named Abraham, become fully persuaded as Paul says in Romans 4:21, "And being fully persuaded that, what He [God] had promised, He [God] was able also to perform?" Abraham thought about the stars. He saw them every night before falling asleep. He thought about it until it changed Abraham's ability to believe. It changed his mindset of childlessness. When he believed that God could do it, in spite of the barrenness of Sarah's womb, THEN faith began to come and it produced the child, Isaac, in the face of seeming impossibility.

Meditation is a powerful tool that God gave His people, Jews and Christians alike to tap into the things of God. Joshua 1:8, "This book of the Law shall not depart out of thy mouth, but thou shalt meditate therein day and night..." Romans 10:17, "Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God". The more you meditate it and speak it out of your mouth, faith grows, and is strengthened, enabling you to receive what you are believing for.

God sometimes used dreams or a GOD THOUGHT to reset a person's mindset like He did with Jacob in Genesis 30:25-43. Jacob went from being an overworked, underpaid farm hand under the control of a corrupt employer and relative, to transferring the wealth of the wicked to himself. God gave Jacob an idea that changed his belief system. After working many years, Jacob asked Laban if he could take his wives and children and move away. Laban begged him to stay saying, "Name your price to stay". Jacob had a REVELATION from God that Laban had prospered because of Jacob being there. He told Laban, "Don't pay me anything. Just give me all the spotted, speckled and striped cattle (that are here now and will be born)".

Laban probably laughed inside thinking with this deal, Jacob would be working for him forever. Few cattle are born spotted, speckled or striped. But Jacob took green poplar branches and cut designs into them spots, stripes, and speckles and put them at the feeding troughs. As those cattle came for food and water, they SAW the spots, stripes and speckles on the branches and they produced what they saw. That idea had to come from the wisdom of God Himself. It had the same effect as meditation.

The outcome was that Jacob had the largest and healthiest herd between him and Laban and in Chapter 31 of Genesis, Laban's sons complained that Jacob had stripped their father's wealth!

Meditation leads to revelation which will help you "see" things the way God sees them. It will develop a picture inside you and change your mindset to now think like God. To act like God. To walk in the God-kind of faith. And, receive the abundance of life that God has prepared for you.