

A Hill Worth Dying On | Final Word

Psalm 1

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I. There are some hills worth dying on; however, there are many that aren't. (Titus 3:9-11)

But avoid foolish controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels about the law, for they are unprofitable and worthless. 10As for a person who stirs up division, after warning him once and then twice, have nothing more to do with him, 11knowing that such a person is warped and sinful; he is self-condemned.

—Titus 3:9-11

II. The Final Word over our Lives (Psalm 1:1-6)

...his delight is in the law of the Lord...

—Psalm 1:2a

a. When the Bible speaks, God speaks. (1:2; 2 Peter 1:20-21)

knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. 21For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

—2 Peter 1:20-21

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

—Psalm 1:2

b. Doing life God's way is always the best way. (1:1-2; Joshua 1:8)

Blessed is the man...

—*Psalm 1:1a*

*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;*

—*Psalm 1:1*

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

—*Psalm 1:2*

*This Book of the Law shall not depart 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.*

—*Joshua 1:8*

c. Only God's word can sustain us in a tumultuous world. (1:3-6;
Matthew 7:24-25)

*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.*

—*Psalm 1:3*

*The wicked are not so,
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.*

—*Psalm 1:4*

*herefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;
for the Lord knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.*

—Psalm 1:5-6

“Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. 25And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. 26And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. 27And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it.”

—Matthew 7:24-27

You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me, 40yet you refuse to come to me that you may have life.

—John 5:39-40

III. Allow God’s Word to Have the Final Word

1. Go to God’s word first. (Ps. 119:105)> Your word is a lamp to my feet

and a light to my path.

—Psalm 119:105

2. Surround yourself with the right people.
3. Obey God’s word.

Study Questions

1. Describes what comes to mind when you hear the phrase a “hill worth dying on”. Take some time to share your personal thoughts on how you determine a “worthy hill”. If applicable, describe a time when taking a stand was the wrong decision.
2. Determining which hills are worth dying on is half the battle.

Read 2 Timothy 3:16-17 and 2 Peter 1:20-21. What do these verses teach us about God's word? Also, how do these passages establish God's word as the final authority over our lives? Explain. Looking at current events in our world, spend some time seeking God's wisdom as to the approach He might have you take. In other words, which battles demand we take a stand; which ones might we need to step away from.

3. In Psalm 1, the psalmist challenged us to meditate on God's word day and night. Talk about what this might look like for you personally. If this is something you've never considered, share what comes to mind when you think of meditating. Also, discuss how meditating on God's word can help shape our worldview, as well as our approach to living out our faith in such a tumultuous world.
4. Take a moment to consider the message of the Gospel... specifically the message of Jesus's death on a hill called Calvary. What can Jesus's life, ministry, and death teach us about what truths are worth dying for? Give some examples from Jesus's life. Conclude your group time by discussing how the Gospel should even shape how we take a stand on issues worth engaging.