

Scriptures: Exodus 20:1-17 and Proverbs 2:1-9 & 8:32-36

Singing: 161:1, 9 – 140:1 – 60:1-3 – 1:2-3 – 333:1-2 – 333:3-4

Mining the Word of God

- I. What does he look for? II. Where is he looking for it?
III. How does he look for it? IV. What encourages him to look for it?

I. WHAT DOES THIS MINER LOOK FOR?

A. Miners look for hidden treasures of gold and silver

“If riches increase, set not your heart upon them.” (Ps. 62:10b)

B. God command us to mine for *true treasures* (Prov. 2)

1. wisdom & understanding (vs. 2, 5-6)

“Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding. For the merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold ...” (Prov. 3:13-18)

a. Why is it better? *Compare the rich man and beggar in Luke 16:19-21*

b. Jesus Christ is the *wisdom of God* (Prov. 8:12-21 & 35)

2. fear & knowledge of God (vs. 5, 7-8)

“The fear of God is the beginning of knowledge.” (Prov. 1:7)

a. see the great profit it in Prov. 2:7-12

II. WHERE IS THE MINER LOOKING FOR IT?

A. Miners look in the *earth* for gold and silver

B. God’s mine is given us in One Book

1. All we need for salvation is given us in the Bible

2. The Bible is storehouse-mine that is inexhaustible

One pebble from the ocean of Bible is worth more than all the gems gold found in earthly mines

3. We need not journey to get to the mining field: *God brought it to us*

“For what nation is there so great, who hath God so nigh unto them, as the LORD our God is in all things that we call upon Him for?” Deut. 4:7-8

III. HOW DOES THE MINER LOOK FOR THE GOLD?

A. He is eager and motivated to *seek for the hidden treasures*

*“My son, if thou wilt **receive** my words, and **hide** my commandments with thee, so that thou **incline** thine ear unto wisdom, and **apply** thine heart to understanding ... (Prov. 2:1-3)*

“Yea, if thou criest after knowledge and liftest up thy voice for understanding... (Prov. 2:3)

B. He uses his digging tools

“Seek and ye shall find, ask and it shall be given, knock and it shall be opened unto you. For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. Luk 11:9-10

C. The miner works according to a clear plan

*“If thou seekest her as silver and searchest for her as for hid treasures. **Then** shalt thou understand the fear of the LORD, and find...” Prov. 3:4-5*

D. The miners use headlamps or torches

“Turn you at my reproof: behold, I will pour out my Spirit upon you. I will make known my words unto you.” Prov. 1:23

E. The miners often wear glasses

1. Put on your *SPECS* by seeking an answer on a few questions on the verses

- Sin to forsake?
- Promise to plead?
- Example to follow?
- Christ to trust?
- Stumbling block to avoid?

IV. WHAT ENCOURAGES THE MINER?

A. A little hope to strike gold!

1. Yet Jesus makes a *solid promise*:

“Ye shall understand the fear of the LORD & shall find the knowledge of God” (Prov. 2:5)