

Keep Thy Heart - 08/18/19

TEXT – **Pro 4:23** *Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.*

INTRO – The Bible word “Heart” is a reference to the seat of man’s emotions, thought and his very being.

A. OT Noun.

1. leb (H3820), "heart; mind; midst." Leb and its synonym lebab appear 860 times in the Old Testament. The law, prophets, and Psalms often speak of the "heart." "Heart" is used first of man in **Gen 6:5** : "*And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.*" **The heart, in its moral significance in the OT, includes the emotions, the reason and the will.**

B. NT Noun.

1. kardia "the heart" the chief organ of physical life occupies the most important place in the human system. It stands for man's entire mental and moral activity, both the rational and the emotional elements. In other words, the heart is used figuratively for the hidden springs of the personal life.

2. psuche (G5590), the soul, or life, is rendered "heart" in **Eph 6:6** (marg., "soul"), "doing the will of God from the heart."

Air traffic control is a service provided by ground-based controllers who direct aircraft on the ground and through controlled airspace, and can provide advisory services to aircraft in non-controlled airspace. The primary purpose of ATC worldwide is to prevent collisions, organize and expedite the flow of air traffic, and provide information and other support for pilots.

The Heart of man is the traffic control of all that enters a man’s life

Pro 23:7 *For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he: Eat and drink, saith he to thee; but his heart is not with thee.*

I. God Made Himself Known To Man Through Man’s heart

Heb 8:10 *For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people:*

Heb 10:16 *This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them;*

Ecc 8:5 *Whoso keepeth the commandment shall feel no evil thing: and a wise man's heart discerneth both time and judgment.*

II. The Heart of Man Has Been Affected By The Fall

Jer 17:9 *The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?*

Mat 15:19 *For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies:*

Mat 12:34 *O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.*

How depraved can man be?

Jdg 17:6 *In those days there was no king in Israel, but every man did that which was right in his own eyes.*

Gen 6:5 *And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.*

III. Man Must Be Born Again To Have A Changed Heart

Rom 10:9-10 *That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. 10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.*

Psa 139:23 *Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts:*

IV. Every Believer Must Keep His Heart Daily

Psa 119:11 *Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.*

Heb 4:12 *For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.*

Jas 4:8 *Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.*

1 Pe 3:15 *But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:*

Eph 6:6 *Not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart;*

Php 4:6-7 *Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. 7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.*

V. The Heart Reveals The True Character Of A Man

Mat 6:21 *For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.*

2 Co 9:7 *Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.*

Col 3:22 *Servants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh; not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but in singleness of heart, fearing God:*

Heb 13:9 *Be not carried about with divers and strange doctrines. For it is a good thing that the heart be established with grace; not with meats, which have not profited them that have been occupied therein.*

CONCL – 2 Th 3:5 *And the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God, and into the patient waiting for Christ.*

Psa 37:5 *Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass.*