

## Supreme motive

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

*Psalm 119:11*

This very familiar verse reminds us of the importance of God's word for our lives, even as does the balance of this Psalm. We may hide something to keep others from finding it. However, the implication of the word here is to hoard or reserve, even to esteem, as one would hide a treasure. Thus, storing the word of God within our inner man guarantees a supply of truth upon which we can draw in time of need. Many are the events in life where we need to lay hold on one of the promises of God to sustain us through challenges or difficult times. The Lord is our Rock to give us peace, hope, and security in these times. It is good for us to commit to memory many of His precious promises.

However, while we can find many good and substantial reasons for hiding His word in our heart, this text supplies the supreme motive. We have no other source to keep us from sin than the One who has no sin. He who loved us enough to redeem us from the destruction of sin and into His eternal keeping has provided the equipment to keep us from the daily threat of the combination of temptation and the weakness of our flesh. As the apostle thanked God for the power of Jesus Christ our Lord to deliver him from this wretched body of death, where the sin principle continues to struggle to take back its throne, we can share in that thanksgiving for the treasure of scripture that He has provided to keep us from sin. We can also be thankful for His blessed Holy Spirit, who, just as promised, will bring to our remembrance these guards and guides in those times of need.

As we love Him because He first loved us, let us determine each day to continue to add to this treasure stored up in our hearts, and then run to that treasure chest in every time of need, that we may walk worthy of the vocation wherewith we are called. He is more than worthy of such love, and we are blessed by such consistency.