

# *Leaning on GOD's Word*

## **A Spiritual Prescription – Saint Catherine of Siena** <sup>1</sup>

“Holy Virtue. Holy Confession. GOD's Holy Word, The Word Incarnate - GOD's only begotten Son... We should by our affection and love be following in That Words' footsteps, loving what He loves, seeking what He sought. We should be loving virtue and despising vice. We should be seeking GOD's Honor, and our own and our neighbor's salvation. This is why CHRIST said, ‘We do not live on bread alone, but on GOD's Word!’”

## **MATTHEW 4:1-4** <sup>2</sup>

1 Then was JESUS led up of The Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.  
2 And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, He was afterward an hungered.  
3 And when the tempter came to Him, he said, If Thou be The Son of GOD, command that these stones be made bread.  
4 But He answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every Word that proceedeth out of The Mouth of GOD.

## **DEUTERONOMY 8:1-3** <sup>3</sup>

1 [Moses said,] All The Commandments which I command thee this day shall ye observe to do, that ye may live, and multiply, and go in and possess The Land which The LORD sware unto your fathers.  
2 And thou shalt remember all The Way which The LORD thy GOD led thee these forty years in the wilderness, to humble thee, and to prove thee, to know what was in thine heart, whether thou wouldest keep His Commandments, or no.  
3 And He humbled thee, and suffered thee to hunger , and fed thee with manna, which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know; that He might make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but by every Word that proceedeth out of The Mouth of The LORD doth man live.

## **A Hymn, “Thy Word is a Lamp!”** <sup>4</sup>

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet  
and a light unto my path.  
    Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet  
    and a light unto my path!  
When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way,  
still You're there right beside me.  
    And nothing will I fear as long as you are near.  
    You are near me to the end!

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<sup>1</sup> Saint Catherine of Siena (died 1380), a Doctor of The Church, was a Dominican, stigmatist and papal counselor. The Magnificat, 8/27/2014, Meditation, "Whitewashed Tombs," p 386-387.

<sup>2</sup> King James Version Bible, MATTHEW 4:1-4.

<sup>3</sup> King James Version Bible, DEUTERONOMY 8:1-3.

<sup>4</sup> Hymn, “Thy Word is a Lamp.” Verse 1 & refrain. Michale Smith & Amy Grant. Spirit and Song. 2014. <http://www.spiritandsong.com/compositions/8250>.