“Then I Remembered the Word of the Lord”
Acts 11:16

Introduction:
A. Christians need to know the Bible well. (2 Tim. 3:15-17)
   1. May need it at any moment — to help self and others. (1 Tim. 4:16; 2 Tim 2:2)
   2. Means much study and meditation. (cf. Ps. 1:2; Acts 17:11)
      a. Public and private study
      b. Before we need it.
B. Christians are helped through many difficulties by being able to say: “Then I remembered the word of the Lord”

Discussion:
   A. We may be reluctant because of apathy, fear, prejudice or discouragement.
   B. But, remembering the word of the Lord can compel us to act.

II. When We Are Tempted — Remembering Can Contain Us (Psa. 119:11).
   A. Jesus and “it is written” (Matt. 4; Lk. 4)
   B. “Divers (various, manifold) temptations” (Jas. 1:2)
      1. To quit (Gal. 6:9).
      2. To get too involved in this life (2 Tim. 2:4).
      3. To compromise a little with false brethren (Gal. 2:5,6).
         a. In name of “united front” (Jas.3:17).
         b. In name of “our image” — (1 Cor. 5:6;10,11; 1 Cor. 15:12,33; 2 Tim. 2:16-18).

III. When Our Faith Is Challenged — Remembering Can Confirm it (Jude 16-19).
   A. By the plausible wisdom of this world.
   B. By the flattery of false teachers.
   C. By the scoffers of our simple faith.

IV. When We Daily Face the World — Remembering Can Conform Us to Truth. (Jas. 1:23-25)
   A. Rather than conforming to the world (cf. Rom. 12:2)
   B. Transformed into His image.

   A. May sin under pressure.
   B. Remembering can turn us around.

VI. When We Are Discouraged — Remembering Can Comfort Us (Rom. 15:4)
   A. When bereaved (1 Thess. 4:13)
   B. When we or loved ones are sick (Jas. 5:13ff).
   C. When mistreated (Matt. 5:10-12)
   D. When our world “falls apart.” (Job).

Conclusion:
A. We need to study now - before we actually need to apply it.
   1. May be too late to start searching when really need it.
   2. May not be able to call and ask someone in midst of a temptation.
B. We need to study and learn not so we can remember then.
   1. Will probably remember more than we think if we really need it.
   2. But, will not remember what we have never known.