

The Word of God

Hebrews 4:12

Introduction:

- 1) Hebrews 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.”
- 2) Consider three characteristics of the word of God found in this one verse.

Discussion:

The Word of God is the Word of God.

- It is not the word of men, or even several men. It originates with God. It comes to us from God.
- It is “God breathed.” II Timothy 3:16-17 ~ “All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.”
- II Peter 1:21 ~ “For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake *as they were* moved by the Holy Ghost.”
- Because it is from God, it is absolute truth. John 17:17 ~ “Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.”

The Word of God is quick .

- Quick ~ alive. God’s Word perpetually, continually lives. It is always appropriate, always applicable. It is not outdated. It is not obsolete nor will it ever be obsolete.
- II Timothy 4:2-4 ~ “Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away *their* ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.”
- Matthew 24:35 ~ “Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.”
- Those who try to make the Word of God obsolete make the very religion that it produces obsolete.

The Word of God is powerful.

- It is God’s power unto salvation. Romans 1:16-17 ~ “For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, “The just shall live by faith.”
- It helps keep men from sinning. Psalms 119:11 ~ “Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.”

- It provides the Christian with the spiritual nutrition he needs in order to grow as he ought. I Peter 2:2 ~ “As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby.”
- It is the mighty weapon we need to fight our spiritual battles and overcome our struggles. Ephesians 6:17 ~ “And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:”
- The Word of God is our standard of right and wrong. 2 Timothy 3:16-17 ~ “All scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.”
- The Word of God gives us direction in life. Without the Bible, men are simply stumbling in the dark. Psalms 119:105 ~ “Thy word *is* a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.”

Conclusion:

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- 2) What then, should I do with the word of God? Meditate on it day and night (Psalm 1:2). Study it diligently (II Timothy 2:15). Then take what you learn and put it into practice (James 1:22-25).