

GOD'S POWERFUL WORD

- Hebrews 4:12-13

Believers need to recognize the power of God's Word and allow it to have an impact upon their lives.

I. GOD'S WORD IS RELEVANT

A. LIVING

- God's Word is a current clear and meaningful authority for contemporary Christians

B. ACTIVE

1. It is doing something and not just being something
2. It produces results by challenging and changing lives! - See Isaiah 55:11
3. God's voice is still speaking and what He says is sufficient for all of our needs
 - Consider II Tim. 3:16-17

C. SHARP

1. The two-edged sword was the most advanced of it's day
- 2 God uses His best available resource to interact with us ... that is His Word, the Scriptures

II. GOD'S WORD IS REVEALING

A. PIERCING

1. Hitting it's target with precision - Note Acts 2:37
2. Knowing exactly where to aim

B. DIVIDING

1. Soul and spirit
 - The Word reveals the true nature of your soul and spirit
2. Joints and marrow
 - These are the inmost regions, farthest from the surface and the most hidden away

C. JUDGING

1. God's Word is an accurate critic
2. Separating our mindset and motives - Psalm 139:1-3

III. GOD'S WORD IS REASONABLE

A. THE ACTION: Looking into God's Word

1. An Introspection
 - We turn to the Word and read and reflect upon how it affects and applies to us
2. An Investigation
 - We move toward God and seek His will and ways in His Word

B. THE ALTERNATIVE: Looking into God's eyes (v.13)

1. An Inspection
 - God turns and examines us
2. The Information
 - a. All things are open before Him
 - b. All things are laid bare before Him
3. It's Inescapable
 - There is no way to avoid this threatening review

CONCLUSION:

God's people were restless because they refused to heed His Words (Heb. 4:1-11)

Today, like then, God calls us to hear his voice and not harden our hearts (Heb. 4:7)

We can rest peacefully when we rightly respond to God's powerful revelation.