

THE WONDERFUL WORD OF GOD

Heb 4:12

INTRODUCTION:

- A. Heb 4:12 presents some characteristics of God's word
- B. These will give us a better appreciation for capabilities of the Word, so let's notice them together

DISCUSSION:

I. THE WORD OF GOD IS LIVING **Note: Jhn 6:63**

- A. At least three evidences of the vitality of God's word
 - 1. Its continued and unimpaired existence
 - a. Been many assaults (Rome, theologians, etc)
 - b. If not living, and he didn't intend it to stand, it would have been destroyed long, long ago
 - 2. Its adaptation to all ages and all people
 - a. As true and living today as 1900 years ago
 - b. Man's books become obsolete! Consider continual changes made in school textbooks
 - c. How out of date a science text book of 25 yrs ago would be today, much less 1900 yrs
 - d. But the Bible is as up-to-date as tomorrow's newspaper. Scriptures know no limitation of time
 - 3. Its inexhaustible interest
 - a. A century ago a British theologian wrote, "For 18 centuries men have thought and written upon that one book, and if for 18 centuries more men are permitted to write, no one will have begun to exhaust its contents."
 - b. God's word is so deep that even the greatest minds can not exhaust its treasures.
 - c. Yet a child can wade into its contents and understand its greatest truths
- B. The wonderful word of God begets life 1Pet 1:23; 1Cor 4:15
- C. God's word guides and leads. David said: Psa 119:105
- D. We will be judged by it Jhn 12:48-50
- E. It is the words of eternal life Jhn 6:68

II. THE WORD OF GOD IS POWERFUL

- A. It is God's power to make men his children Rom 1:16
- B. It is that which produces saving faith Rom 10:17
- C. It has the power to convict men of sin Acts 2:37
- D. Like hammer that breaks rock in pieces Jer 23:29
- E. It not only convicts, it converts sinners Psa 19:7
- F. It is able (powerful enough) to save souls Jas 1:21
- G. Powerful enough to correct faults and errors 2Tim 3:16,17; 1Tim 5:20
- H. Word the basis for fellowship 1Jhn 1:7; 2Jhn 9-11

III. THE WORD OF GOD IS SHARP

- A. Word "sword" in Heb 4:12 a sharp, powerful sword
Note: Eph 6:17; Rev 1:16
- B. God's word cuts to the quick. Power to prick heart of most callused, even those in Acts 2:37
- C. Hard for Saul to kick against its prick Acts 9:5

IV. THE WORD OF GOD IS A DISCERNER

- A. God's inspired word has analyzed, dissected, and laid open sinful man. If man would know himself, he must know the Book for it is truly a "discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart."
- B. It exercises critical and separating principles. It reveals man to himself. Note the powerful and revealing words of the inspired James : Jas 1:21-25
- C. Ill. Man given a Bible - after reading it he asks how the author knew so much about him

V. THE WORD OF GOD IS FINAL AND ETERNAL

- A. God's word is final 2Tim 3:16,17; 2Pet 1:3; Gal 1:6-9; Rev 22:18,19 Not even an angel has the right to alter a single particle of God's word. It does not need to be added to or taken away from. As a matter-of-fact, it CANNOT successfully be added to or taken away from. It is final and complete
- B. God's word is eternal Matt 24:35; 1Pet 1:24,25
- C. We must hear the word Rev 2:17; Mk 4:9,23
 - 1. Must take heed "what we hear" Mk 4:24
 - 2. Must take heed "how we hear" Lk 8:18
- D. We must study the word 1Tim 4:15,16
- E. We must preach the word Mk 13:10; 2Tim 4:2
- F. We must defend the faith Phil 1:17; Jude 3

CONCLUSION:

- A. In times past members of the Lord's church have been known far and wide as a people of the Book, but no longer do we enjoy such a wonderful reputation. God's word is wonderful; It is powerful; It is truly precious. But many do not realize its blessings because of their attitude and relationship to it.
- B. May each of us determine to study the Bible with zeal and enthusiasm. With determination let us do that which is necessary for us once again to not only enjoy the reputation of being a people of the Book, the wonderful word of God, but that we might inherit that goal that is set for us if we remain faithful.