

### **3/10/24 Hebrews 4:12-13 “better” the way church “A Better Word”**

Read Hebrews 4:12-13

“For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart

13 . And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.”

PRAY PRAY PRAY

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Have you ever been in conversation with someone whether casual or maybe witnessing to someone, maybe a Family member or some one close to you and something along these lines comes up ;

“I just can’t believe the Bible because its a book written by men”

“Isn’t the Bible a man made book?”

After a long convo “the devil is in the details”

By show of hands have you ever encountered something like that?

STORY OF JOE AT WORK

I believe that the scriptures testify to Gods perfection and power just as much as the creation story, that’s why today’s sermon title is

“A Better Word”

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Now I want to start off by saying there's no small debate of what "word" is being addressed here, some believe this is talking about the holy scriptures while others believe this is talking about the gospel, other say this its referring to Jesus Christ, the word made flesh John 1...

I personally believe the author is addressing all of the above...

The descriptions of what this word is and does can be applied to the gospel, to the scripture, and to the Son.

SHOW SLIDE

- The gospel without Jesus & the promise of the scripture is a false gospel
- Jesus without his saving works we call the good news according to scripture is a false Jesus
- And scripture void of the gospel and the person and work of Jesus is a incomplete text

One cannot exist without the other and all are interchangeable to be described as the word.

So my goal today, my main point, the only thing I want to accomplish this morning is simple, since I only have a few minutes to explain something that would take a few weeks to begin to break down, I want to do 2 things....

1 - “encourage you Christian, to leave this building with a longing to love the Word even more”

2 - “invite you who are on the fence to embrace this Better Word”

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The word of God is glorious and complex, to say the least... you can't take the word and pin point one reason of why they are glorious

## HOSPITAL ROOM HUMAN BODY

The bible is called ;

- “A mirror” James 1 (work / marriage)
- “A seed” matt 13:3 ( takes root in Gods children / abides in us and grows us)
- “A hammer” jer 23:29 (able to smash and break even the hardest of hearts)
- “A fire” jer 23:29. (refining us as fire does metals / unable to contain it (jer 20:9)
- “Water” eph 5:26. (It washes us and cleans us)
- “A lamp” psalm 119:105 (it guides us and overpowers the darkness)
- “A sword” eph 6:17 (it penetrates and punctures our inner most being)

Its ;

Effective Gen 1:3

Enduring 1 chro 16:12

Eternal isa 40:8

Empowering Joel 2:11

Encouraging Rom 15:4

Its ;

Sufficient 2 Tim 3:16

Sanctifying 1 Tim 4:4

Stirring obe 1

Sure lam 2:117

Steadfast

Its ;

Personal ex 6:2

Practical Ezra 7:10

Powerful jer 23:29

Promising gal 3:8

Perfect 2 cor 4:2

Its ;

Convicting 2 kings 22:11

Clarifying mark 12:24

Consistent 1 cor 15:3

Comforting

Complete rev 22:18

Its ;

Authoritative

Inspired

Infallible

Inerrant

Its able ;

Teach

Corect

Reproof

Renew

Build up & tear down

Save & damn

Convert & conflict

Pull down strongholds & raise the dead

Strike down satans kingdom & build up the Kingdom of God

Make whole & holy

And Im willing to wait for someone to point out to me which one of those attributes does NOT apply to the message of the Gospel, too Jesus Christ the Son of God, & The Holy Scripture

That's what I mean, when I say we have a better word!

2 Peter 1:19

And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place

CHALLENGE -

“Seek grace to be ashamed of your neglect & lack of respect of the Word”

Im not just telling you "shame on you", or “you should be ashamed of yourself!”

Im challenging you and I, seek the grace of God, that he would begin to open our hearts to be ashamed of our great neglect and lack of reverence and respect of His word.

(Trimming bushes)

Timothy brindle -

“Be diligent to adore it and fear it, be killing sin by the sword of the spirit”\_\_\_\_\_

Now what I wanna do Is just point out a few things to bring light to the word in todays passage, so as quickly as I can I wanna pull out a few things that we can learn about the word in hebrews 4:12-13 (ultimately helping us leave here with a longing to love the word!)

A - What the Word is :

## **1 - Its divine In origin ;**

### **V12a “The word of God”**

We believe in a God who speaks, amen ?

Hebrews 1

Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son

It was God who spoke creation into existence

It was God who preached the gospel in the garden

(proto-evangelium)

It was God who spoke to Moses in the burning bush

It was God who spoke to Isaiah in chapter 6

It was God who spoke when Jesus was baptized (this is my son whom I love, with Him I am well pleased)

It was God who spoke to Paul on the road to Damascus that said (Saul Saul why do you persecute me?)

2 Peter 1:21

For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit

2 Tim 3:16

“All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness”

66 books

Around 40 different authors

Over the time span of 1500 years

Written 3 different continents

In 3 different languages

Written by ;

kings & killers

Fishermen & physicians

In the palace & in the prison

By the royalty & the reject

Its the greatest story ever told! Because it is divine in origin!

The grass withers, the flowers fade away, but what will last forever ?

- Not the revival

- Not the worship set

- Not the outreach program

- Not the acts of good will

The word of God will last forever!

That's to say until the 2nd coming of Jesus not 1 jot or tittle will pass away until it is fulfilled!

The word of God is divine in origin

## **2 - "it is alive and able to give life"**

V12b "Living and active"

Listen "You can read many good books, but this is the only book that can read you"

The word of God contains life, it gives life, it is alive!

This is to say there is never a idle moment for the word of God, the word doesn't take a day off, the word doesn't take a sabbatical, the word doesn't sleep, the word is never passive, the word is never dull, the word is always powerful and the source of life in christ!

Romans 10:17

"So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ"

1 Peter 1:23

"since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God"

The word of God is living and active and able to make you born again...

That means no matter what ;

Continent

Country

Culture

Climate

City

Area code

The word of God is able to read the thoughts and intentions of every human being everywhere, nobody is too smart, or too wealthy, or too self deceived to be able to avoid the living and abiding sharp sword of the word of God!

Do you love it? Adore it ? Read it ? Store it up in you heart?

B - “what the word does”

Now we’ll wrap up todays message with this last heading, like I said, I want you to “leave today with a longing to love the word more”, if that means this is just the spark that starts the fire of your journey to learn and love the word more then ill be happy with that.

**1 - “it penetrates our inner most being”**

**V12b**

“piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow”

As a surgeon cuts deep to begin surgery on a patient to remove the cause of the disease or sickness so does the word of God cut into everything that we are to expose our weakness and our wickedness!

No ;

emotion

Thought

Intention (good/bad)

Plans

Circumstance

Big ideas

Are able to serve as a shield to fend off the sharp 2 edged sword of the word of God!

- remember \*

This is not only true for you, but it's true for the people you're witnessing to, the word of God is the most effective weapon a Christian can wield!

"Well it's not relevant"