

The Powerful Word of God

(Hebrews 4:12)

No other book in the world has the kind of power that the word of God does. It has the power to change hearts, lives, and the direction of any wicked society.

We should all be impressed with the power of God's word. We should all be impressed because of its source, message, and ability to draw men unto God.

Consider four things that the word of God has the power to do:

I. Power to Pierce

- A. The Hebrew writer emphasizes this in Hebrews 4:12.
 - 1. The word of God is "living."
 - 2. The word of God is "active."
 - 3. The word of God is "sharper than any two-edged sword." This means that God's word has the power to cut a person right to their heart!
- B. When a person is pierced by God's word, they will respond in two ways.
 - 1. They will seek to get right with God (Acts 2:36-37).
 - 2. They will get angry and attack the messenger (Acts 7:54-60).

II. Power to Unite and Divide

- A. It is the word of God that has brought us together this morning!
 - 1. We are united by our belief in Jesus.
 - 2. We are united by the things promoted in the gospel (1 Corinthians 1:10).
- B. God's word also is a very divisive message (Matthew 10:34-36).
 - 1. While Jesus certainly did come into the world to make a way for man to be at peace with God and other fellow believers (Isaiah 9:6; Ephesians 2:11-16), following His word can divide us from people.
 - 2. Following the word of God requires us making a choice of putting God above our earthly relationships.

III. Power to Comfort and Encourage

- A. We all need these things from time to time in life.
 - 1. The word of God can encourage us when we feel lonely and forsaken (Matthew 28:20).
 - 2. The word of God can comfort us when we are grieving (1 Thessalonians 4:16-18).
 - 3. The word of God can strengthen us when we are being persecuted (1 Peter 4:16).
- B. The Bible is indeed the most comforting and encouraging book in the world!

IV. Power to Save and Transform

- A. It has the power to draw us unto God and rescue us from our sins (Romans 1:16).
- B. It has the power to change us and make us righteous (Ephesians 4:22-24).
 - 1. We need to always remember this!
 - 2. The power to save is not in us, but in the glorious gospel!

Conclusion: What is God's word doing to your Heart?