

Sermon ~ Sunday, September 19, 2021, by Pastor, Dwight Benoit

Text: Hebrews 4: 12d

Title: "GOD'S WORD: The Answer!" (4)

Foundational Text... (Hebrews 4: 12)

KJV ~ "For **The WORD of GOD** is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged 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."

Amplified Bible ~ (Hebrews 4: 12d)

"For **The WORD of GOD [HE]** is... penetrating as far as the division of the soul and spirit [the completeness of a person], and of both joint and marrow [the deepest part of our nature].

**The WORD of GOD**, be it...

- Spoken by **GOD HIMSELF** – Genesis 1: 3, "And **GOD** said..." (vss. 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11...)
- Spoken by "...holy men of **GOD** as they were (are) moved by **The HOLY GHOST**." (2 Peter 1: 21)

Or Hebrews 13: 7, 8, "Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you **The WORD of GOD**: whose faith follow, considering the end of [their] conversation [their walk and talk]. **JESUS CHRIST** the same yesterday, to day, and for ever."

While **The WORD of GOD** has an edge like a sword (two-edged), **The WORD of GOD** "pierce" ... That is, it "penetrates." It *reveals* and *judges* the deepest parts of our being.

**GOD'S WORD** shows us,

- What's *in* our natural lives, that is, of "*the flesh*" – Galatians 5: 19, 20  
"When you *follow the evil desires* of your *sinful* nature, your lives will produce these evil results:  
Adultery, fornication (sexual immoralities, unchastity, sexual vices), uncleanness (impurities, impure thoughts), lasciviousness (eagerness for lustful pleasure, indecency). [These are obvious *sins*... anyone can see this kind of behavior belongs to the lower nature.]  
Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, quarreling, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, divisions, the feeling that everyone is wrong except those in your own little group, envy, drunkenness, wild parties, and other kinds of *sin*." (Read Romans 7: 7, 8, 9)
- **GOD'S WORD** examines our "soul," that is,  
\*our *mind*  
\*our *inner motives* and *desires*  
Sometimes we think we are doing **GOD'S Will**, but it's really our own *selfish will*.  
Our "soul" (naturally) follows our *selfish will*...  
Our "spirit" is design to follow **GOD'S Will**. (We struggle to tell them apart)

But **GOD'S WORD**, is able to *divide, distinguish*, between these two "Wills."

- **GOD'S WORD** penetrates "joint and marrow."  
 [Joint here is the 'thick, hard, outer part' of the bone.  
 Marrow is the 'soft, tender, inner part' of the bone.]  
**The WORD of GOD** unlike some 'fashion sword' that just glance off the bone and does not penetrate or break through... some swords can chip but not break through to the marrow.  
 But **The WORD of GOD** cuts through and through...  
 --Soul and spirit... Bone joint and bone marrow...  
 --Soul (invisible dimension) of our lives, that energies the flesh...  
 --Spirit is that (supernatural inner source) that **JESUS** said, "must be born-again."  
 (John 3: 6, "That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of **The SPIRIT** is spirit.")  
 Without the *awaking, creative, regenerating* work of **The SPIRIT of GOD** in us, we are merely "natural" rather than "spiritual."

**GOD, of The WORD, is The Answer... HE is Omniscient—All Knowing! HE is Omni-Present—Everywhere! HE is Omnipotent—All Powerful!**

Psalms 139 says, **HE** knows me better than I will ever know myself!!!

1. "O LORD (JESUS), THOU has searched me, and known me." [perfectly, far better than I know myself. Investigated every secret thing concerning me.] **EXAMINATION**
2. "O LORD (JESUS), THOU know my manners." My down sitting... uprising... art acquitted with all my ways... beset behind and before. [YOU know everything... nothing is hid from YOU! My meditations: what I will say before I say it; my thoughts before I think] **EXTENT**
3. "O LORD (JESUS), YOUR knowledge of me, blows my mind." 'Its to wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain unto it." **EFFECT**
4. "O LORD (JESUS), YOUR PRESENCE is everywhere... not that I want to get away from YOU." But "THOU hast beset be behind and before and laid **Thine HAND** upon me." *In times like these*, it's good to know **LORD JESUS, YOU See far, far** down the road. And. **YOU** are so near, that **YOUR HAND, touches and holds** me! Even "when darkness covers me; even the night is like **LIGHT** about me." **LIMITLESS, LEADING, LIGHT**
5. "O LORD (JESUS), THOU hast possessed (OWN, OWNER) of my reins." The Hebrew word for "reins" means literally "kidneys." However, its used to express 'our emotions and feelings; my 'heart' is at ease! "O LORD (JESUS), THOU do not only **OWN** me physically but emotionally. "O LORD (JESUS), THOU hast covered me in my mother' womb." (9 months crawling inside of her. **YOU**, molding, shaping, making me." **PROTECTION, PRODUCTION, PRESENCE**
6. "O LORD (JESUS), how precious also are THY thought unto me, O GOD! How great is the sum of them! If I should count them, they are more in number than the sand: when I awake, I am still with THEE. Surely, THOU will slay the wicked, O GOD." **GOD, The LORD JESUS**, cannot let sin continue to steal, kill, and destroy. **HE must, HE WILL**, take down **The Sword of Justice**, unsheathe it, and smite the foes of **RIGHTeousness**. Surely, **HE** will slay the wicked! **OVERCOME**
7. "Search me, O GOD, and know my heart." The heart first, that's the real me. "Know my thoughts." The head next, for only **GOD** knows my thoughts. "See if there be any wicked way in me." Let my 'will, be **THY Will**. Then, "lead me." **SHEPHERD** me! (Psalm 23)