

Sermon ~ Sunday, October 3, 2021, by Pastor, Dwight Benoit

Text: Hebrews 4: 12e-13 (Compare, Mark 14: 12-25)

Title: "GOD'S WORD: The Answer! It is *Discerning!*" (5)

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.**" Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in **HIS Sight**: but all things *are* naked and opened unto **The Eyes of HIM** with **WHOM** we have to do."

Amplified Bible ~ Hebrews 4: 12e-13 "For **The WORD of GOD** is **exposing and judging the very thoughts and intentions of the heart.**" And not a creature exists that is concealed from **HIS Sight**, but all things are open *and* exposed, and revealed to **The Eyes of HIM** with whom we have to give account."

Remember, **The WORD of GOD** is *discriminating*...

--it *divides*.

--it *describes the difference* between... "the child of *nature*, finely dressed, from **The Living Child of GOD.**"

--HE lays down the *straight line*, beside the *crooked life*.

--HE separates the *natural* from the *spiritual*.

--HE speaks of the *dead* and the *living*.

--HE speaks of the *repentant* and the *impenitent*.

--HE tells of *believing* and the *unbelieving*.

--HE heals the *blind* and blinds the *seeing*.

--HE separates **The Called of GOD** from those who still lie in the arms of *The Wicked One*.

--HE separates the *precious* from the *vile*.

--August 2, 1964, (Sunday morning) the Headlines of the New York Times, read, '11a.m., is Our Most Segregated Hour.'

I say, "Any time **The WORD of GOD** is *opened*: worlds are divided; congregations are divided; men and women, boys and girls are divided, GOD and the Devil and his demons, are divided!

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Biblically the word "*discern*" means...

- The *process* of determining **GOD'S desire** in any situation, good and evil, true, or false, temporary, or eternal.
- The root word for "*discern*" is "*discernere*" ... '*dis*'—apart; '*cernere*'—to separate, divide.

[How often have you set before **The WORD of GOD**, as The Pastor or Preacher preaches, and you have said, "How did he [HE] know that about me?" The text: "but all things are naked [exposed] and opened unto **The Eyes of HIM** with whom we have to do. [must give account.]

In the Greek language, the word “discern” is ‘*diakrino*’ (dee-ak-ree’-no) ...
dia’ — “*thoroughly* back-and-forth,” which intensifies; to *judge*; properly, to investigate *thoroughly*. (Not so much to come to an ‘*closing argument*,’ but to **TRUTH**)

The WORD of GOD is an “discerner” ...

*I agree with the sage of old, “If **The WORD of GOD** can’t get it done, it can’t get done!”*
*I believe the best way of convincing men of error, is not so much to denounce the error, as to proclaim **The TRUTH!** [If a stick is very crooked and you wish to prove that it is crooked, get a straight one and quietly lay it down by its side. When men look, *hopefully*, they will see the difference.”]*

*Hopefully? **The WORD of GOD** has a *keen edge*. It “discerns.” Instead of men *criticizing* it—it *criticizes* them. Everyday there is a *new treatise* (new argument, new opinion) from the press of life—take it to *this great critic* (**The BIBLE**) and let **The WORD of GOD** judge it.*

Mark 14, text, vss. 12-25... The Assembling for The Passover/**The LORD’S Supper**...

[All four Gospel writers record this lengthy passage, about The Passover and

The LORD’S Supper]

Note,

--The Place... **CHRIST** designated The Place for **HIMSELF** and **HIS disciples**—vs. 12.

CHRIST is The MASTER of the *disciples*, so they sought **HIS wishes** for The Place (Read).

--The Sending to The Place—vs. 13a. **Note**, the Pair; who they are, isn’t importance.

What’s important is, *if you can’t humble yourself to do small things, you’ll never serve **CHRIST**, in great things.* (Read)

--The Providence in the Sending—vs. 13b. **Point**: *Obedience*, always reveals *providential* (Divine, Sight/Knowledge, Help, before you get there—**The Omniscience of CHRIST**. (Read)

--The Pursuit in the Sending—vs. 13c. (Read) **Church**, **JESUS** knew better than to give them directions to the house. (Why? We always know a better way...)

--The Proclamation in the Sending—vs. 14. (Read) **Point**: When **CHRIST** gives us **The Message**, proclaim *it* just as **HE** said. No need to alter *it* or add your feeling.

--The Preparation in the Sending—vs. 15b. (Read) Not only were they to *locate* the right place but *prepare* for the observance (*in the right spirit*).

--The Purpose—vss. 16, 17. **Purpose**, to eat **The Passover**—Exodus 12, **The LORD’S Passover**...

The LORD said, “For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night, and will smite all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: **I AM The LORD**.” (Exodus 12: 12)

[The Death Angel, **The Blood of The Lamb**, The Placing of **The Blood** on the Lintel and Door Post of every Hebrew House; Covering them, The Death Angel seeing **The Blood** and *passing over* you.]

“And **The Blood** shall be to you for a token upon the houses where you *are*: and when I see **The Blood**, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt.”—thus, The Pass over. (Exodus 12: 13) (Read, Mark 14: 16, 17)

--The Perturbed. This adjective, which means, the unsettled, the troubled in mind—vss. 18, 19, 20-21. (Read)

Note, a ‘simple sign.’ “...that dippeth with me in the dish.” (*None seem to catch it—Is it I?*)

--The *Practice* turned into *Promise*—Vss. 22, 23, 24-25. The *Practice*, “As they did eat...” The *first LORD’S Supper* was instituted at the yearly *Passover* meal. At the meal, there was eating and drinking; the *haves* and the *have nots*... “**JESUS took bread**” —the Jewish *matzo*, flat cake made without yeast... “**and blessed**”—that is, **HE** gave thanks, for **GOD** gave **HIM**. (it’s hard to give thanks for what you’ve not provided). “**HE brake it**” ... (So many things *must* be *broken* before they can be used by **GOD**. Unless the *breaking* occurs, we cannot be used by **GOD**!) “**And gave to them**”—*Salvation* is given not merited! “**Take, eat...**” *First*, there is ‘the *taking*.’ *Second*, there is ‘the *eating*.’ If you want to *eat*, you must *take*. And, *taking* will *not* bless, unless you *eat*! “**This is MY Body.**” The **LORD’S Supper** represents **The Body of CHRIST**—*Suffering* for our *sin* and giving us *Salvation*. “**And HE took the cup** (of wine), used at **The Passover** meal.” “...and when **HE** gave thanks—that is, **HE** blessed it” ... “**HE gave it to them:**”—illustrating, **G.R.A.C.E.** The disciples had to *receive it*, *accept it*. They had to have **Faith** in what **JESUS** was doing!!! Notice, V. 23d, “...and they all drank of *it*.” [Partaking in the communion of **The LORD’S Supper**, does not benefit in soul Salvation, ‘for they all drank of it—including Judas!’ “And HE said to them, This is The Blood of The New Testament, which is shed for many”—Vs. 24. [The symbolism of **The Cup** is that it represents **The Blood shed by CHRIST** for the remission of sin!] Oh, The Blood! **Final**, **JESUS** said, (vs. 25) “Verily I say unto you, I will drink no more of the fruit of the vine, until that day that I drink it new in The KINGdom of GOD.” Note, the *negative* and the *positive* here. Point: **JESUS** will, must, die, but *death* is not the end. There is a glorious future ahead!!!

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