

The Mighty Two-Edged Sword

Sermon 11 in the Hebrews Series

Hebrews 4:12-13

I. The Word of God Described v. 12

A. The Living Word

Exegetically – I believe v. 12 is speaking about the Word of God written.

B. The Inspired Word

1. 2 Timothy 3:16-17

a. The Profitability of Scripture

It is authoritative in matters of
Doctrine, Reproof, Correction, Instruction in Righteousness

v. 17 – (Amplified) -- *That the man of God may be complete and proficient and thoroughly equipped for every good work.*

b. The source of Scripture.

Inspiration = *theopneustos* – lit. “God-breathed”
Instead of Inspiration – we could say we are talking about
expiration. God “breathed out” the Word.

2. 2 Peter 1:20-21

Primarily from these two Scriptures – along with the testimony
of Scripture itself – we form the doctrine of the verbal plenary
inspiration of Scripture – which includes the doctrines of the
infallibility of Scripture and the inerrancy of Scripture.

Infallible = Trustworthy, reliable and true. The Bible will not lead you astray.

Inerrant = The Bible contains no factual errors or contradictions.

LBCF -- Chapter 1 – Paragraph 1 -- “*The Holy Scripture is the only sufficient, certain, and infallible rule of all saving knowledge, faith, and obedience;*”

C. The Cutting and Piercing Word.

Dividing to the separation of soul and spirit is poetic language meant to show how penetrating Word of God is.

D. The Discerning Word.

“a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart”.

II. The All-Seeing, Recompensing God v. 13

O’Brien says, *“To be exposed to the word of Scripture is to be examined fully by God Himself, and therefore be answerable to Him.”*

There are two complementary phrases:

- There is no creature hidden from His sight
- All things are naked and open to his eyes
- Conclusion – to whom we must give account to Him as the judge
- V. 14 – brings the comfort and encouragement that the Hebrew writer carefully gives after exhortations to holiness – we have a Great High Priest.

Naked – nothing to cover

Open -- exposed – or by extension -- “defenseless”.

No cover ups – no defense

Everyone will give account of himself to God.