

"God's Word is Alive" 8/30/92 6:27

Would you open your Bibles to  
Hebrews Chapt. 4 Verse 12  
Hebrews 4:12

Dear hearts, I would like to  
talk to you tonight about the  
power is the word of God // *as*  
*the writer puts his pen to*  
*the paper he says: "This is*  
*how I feel about the word of*  
*God, "It is quick and powerful,*  
*and sharper than any two-*  
*edged sword / piercing even*  
*to the dividing asunder of*  
*soul and spirit / and of joints*  
*and marrow / and is a discoverer*  
*of the thoughts and intents*  
*of the heart"*

Some time ago a play writer is  
pursuing with the intent to mock  
Jesus & Christianity / write a play  
called "Christ is Lured"

The Opening Scene took place at  
a Bar in a Church Building //

Some of the people in the play  
were Dressed As Priests & Nuns,  
And all were either Drinking  
or Gambling // The Church was  
depicted as a place of <sup>Emergency</sup> security //

The Lead Actor was to walk on  
Stage and to begin reading  
a few verses from Matt. 5  
(The Sermon on the Mount)

He stood & began to read // He  
read the few verses, called for  
but did not stop // He kept on  
reading as tho something  
compelled him to do so // As  
he read, the other actors stopped  
what they were doing, and the  
crowd became very quiet //

Finally the actor stopped  
reading, and raising his hands  
said: Oh Jesus, remember me

2/  
When you come into your Kingdom  
The Curtains fell immediately/  
The atheistic authorities of that  
day never let the glory be seen  
again / you see / Eyes in Mockery  
The Word of God spoke to  
this Actor / It convicted his  
Heart & he cried out to Jesus  
For mercy //

Folks, The Bible is Alive Amos /

Paul said "The Word of God is  
Quick" / He was saying "It is  
living & Active / And it  
will Accomplish whatever  
God wills" //

I can't even imagine all that  
is implied in the word - the  
"sharpener" / But I do believe  
it says: "all we are and  
claim to be is known of  
God's Word" //

The Word says to me: "Our hearts  
Are An Open Book to God" // His  
Word is all penetrating // And  
Our best thoughts and intents  
of the heart come to light  
As the word of God is read  
or heard" //

Oh listers / we need to believe  
that this Book we call the  
Bible has no equal, because  
it comes from God — //

As you begin to read Heb. 4:12  
you find one of several truths  
about the Bible — The writer  
tells us that the Bible is  
Living in its origin // That's  
what "Word of God" means "Living"

The second truth of Heb. 4:12 is  
that the Bible is "living and  
Active" // And we've touched on  
this already!

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Paul writing in 2 Timothy 3:16  
Reminds us that the Scriptures  
are "God Breathed" // And Genesis 2:7  
says "As God Breathed into his  
Nostrils, the Breath of  
Life, ~~the~~ man became a  
living soul" // So it is with  
the Scriptures - "God's Breathing  
gave life to the written word"

So we have to believe that the  
Scriptures are inspired / But  
also that they are alive /

Now what do we mean "Alive"  
SIMPLY 1473:

- ① It delivers what it promises
- ② And it promises to lead us  
As we allow it to lead

It promises to be "a lamp unto  
our feet, and a light to our  
paths" (Psalm 119:105)

It Promises to be Dependable  
(Psalm 19:7) And A Promise to  
Connect And Discipline (Prov. 6:23)

Oh but that's Not all the Word  
of God Promises, "It Promises  
to Guide us into Real And  
Abundant Life As the Holy  
Spirit of God has Fellowship  
with our spirits" (2 Cor 3:6)

Let me Ask, "Does it excite you  
to know that you hold in  
your hand the "Living Word"  
of God?" / It Does!!!

There is Another Great truth to  
be found in Heb. 4:12 And  
that is "God's Word is  
Indestructible"

Peter said this about the Word of  
God, "For all flesh is as  
grass, And all the glory of

Man As the Flower of Grass / The  
 Grass withereth and the flower  
 thereof falleth away / "But" the  
 word of God endureth forever //  
 (Isaiah 40:24 & 25)

And Jesus Himself said: "Heaven  
 and Earth may pass away but  
 my word shall never pass away"  
 (Matt 24:35)

Oh sister dear hearts, people  
 have burned the Bible // They  
 have burned its translations /  
 they have made condensed  
 versions of it by taking out  
 that part they dislike & even  
 notices & rules have tried  
 to eliminate it from their  
 culture / but all have failed //

You see beloved "God's word  
 can't be destroyed" Jesus  
 said so //

Oh listers & remember this well:  
God's word is alive / God's word  
still works // God's word is  
powerful & it's gonna endure  
to the end of the age //

How do I know? Because God  
said so, says that's God <sup>enough</sup> for me //

The writer of Hebrews called the  
word of God "Sharper than a  
two edged sword" // "It cuts  
in two directions" (coming  
& going)

When you reads the word of God it  
cuts into the soul & nature of  
the hearer & hearer:

When Peter preached at  
Antioch, the people cried out  
under conviction, "Men and  
brothers, what shall we do?"

Oh listers the word of  
God cuts & convicts —



It Convicts hearts so they will  
Acknowledge Rights And Wrongs /  
It allows us to see ourselves  
As God sees us - /

It says to the lost, "You need  
to be saved, because dying  
lost is not the will of God" /  
And the word of God says,  
You can be saved and  
then tells the lost how /

Oh And listen, "The word of God  
Also Convicts the hearts of the  
saved when its needed" / It  
lets us see our potential  
even as God does / And  
it shows us what God  
expects of us" /

Now the 4th. Great truth found  
in Hebrews 4:12 is this:  
"God's word is a judging  
word"

This Verse of Scripture Actually Says  
"God's Word will Judge Our  
Thoughts & Attitudes of the  
Heart"

Here's How the Word of God Judges:

It goes into the very depth  
of our hearts & souls and it  
observes our lives // then it  
judges, as it determines the  
Right & Wrong / The Good and  
Bad / The Perfect or Imperfect  
Found there

Understand Beloved, God has a  
Scale / A measurement that  
is accurate = // It is "His Word"

We will not be judged by any  
Scale or measurement created  
by man / but rather by God's  
Standard // We will be  
judged by His Word

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I wonder tonight if there  
might be someone in this  
service who feels the power  
of the word working in your  
heart —

Perhaps a lost person who  
feels for the very first time  
that he or she has no secrets  
from God // Perhaps for the  
first time ever, God's word  
has cut deeply into the  
most secret place of their  
heart —

Perhaps  
"They feel their lostness and  
need of a savior" / So I  
want to invite them to <sup>the</sup> ~~come~~ <sup>bring</sup>  
come down here ~~with me~~  
And let me tell them how  
to be saved —

Dear lost persons Remember  
God's word is alive // It is  
powerful & it reveals the  
real you — Would you come

Perhaps there is a loved Person  
here tonight who has had their  
heart convicted by hearing that  
God reads us like a Book //  
That He knows the Good & Bad  
is each of us // The Right &  
Wrong in each of us // The Perfect  
& imperfect is each of us —

And tonight you feel the Drawing  
of God's Holy Spirit to make  
a commitment to God

Would you come tonight,  
saying to God, I know that  
I have no secrets from you //

That you know if I'm  
doing all I can or not // Telling  
all I can or not // If you  
come in Submission your  
heart will be blessed —

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Let's pray then sing