



"I believe the Bible is the best gift God has given to man. All the good the Savior gave to the world was communicated through this Book. All things most desirable for man's welfare are to be found portrayed in it."
President Abraham Lincoln

The Power and Purpose of God's Word Hebrews 4:12-13

Hebrews 4:12-13 (NIV)

For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

I. God's Word Shapes and Transforms Us

Verse 12 – "For the word of God is living and active..."

1 Thessalonians 2:13 (NIV)

And we also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men, but as it actually is, the word of God, which is at work in you who believe.

II. God's Word Protects and Refines Us

Verse 12 – "...Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow. It judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart."



Ephesians 6:17 (ESV)

"Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God."

III. God's Word Exposes and Prepares us

Verse 13 – Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

James 1:23-25 (NIV)

Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. But the man who looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues to do this, not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it—he will be blessed in what he does.

