

## The Sword of Sacred Scripture

### Hebrews 4:12-13

This morning, we continue our study of Hebrews chapter four by examining verses twelve and thirteen. At first glance, we might think these verses are out of place, when in reality they are a continuation of the exhortation to “enter into rest”.

As we have discovered, it is only those that have faith, those that believe, which enter into God’s rest. The question would naturally arise, where does this “resting faith” come from?

**Those who experience rest are those that trust God’s Word. (12)** The author transitions us to a brief declaration concerning the operation and effectiveness of the Scriptures. We will never experience rest if we disregard God and his Word.

- **Notice the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Word; it is the Word of God!** It is not the opinions of men, it is not the philosophies of men, it is not the speculations of men; it is the very Word of God. (2 Tim 3:14-17)
- **Notice the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Word.** The author of Hebrews holds to a very high view of Scripture. In this passage, he gives us four characteristics of the Word, which should cause us to not disregard the Word.
  - **It is living.** It is not a musty old relic of the past; it is living and life-giving.
  - **It is powerful.** This Greek word is where we get the word “energy”. It speaks of operative or effectual power.
  - **It is penetrating.** Sharper than a two-edged sword, like a surgeon scalpel cutting in order to heal and restore.
  - **It is discerning.** The Bible is the only book that when you read it, it reads you!

**Like a mirror revealing our external condition, the Word of God reveals much more. It looks within and reveals the secret, hidden intents of our hearts!**

- **Notice the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Written Word and the Living Word. (13)** We have been mainly focused in verse twelve to consider the written Word and the operation of it to quicken, convict, and give life. Now, we focus upon the Person of the Word, Jesus.

**All things are naked and laid bare before the eyes of the Lord, the One we will face in judgment. There is nowhere to hide and nothing to cover us when we stand before God. All judgment has been given to the Son of God; He is the standard of the judgment.**

**Application:**

**Only the Word of God can produce saving faith. The Word is the seed that gives life.**

**Only the Word of God can produce the rest which we so desperately need.**

**Therefore, do not disregard or neglect God’s Word in your daily life.**