



# The Living Word

Hebrews 4:12-13

12 For the word of God is alive 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.

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.

## Let's explore Hebrews 4:12-13

1. Read Hebrews 4:12-13 again.

- Look up the word alive in your concordances.
  - Alive - (zao) to live, breathe, be among the living to have true life and worthy of the name active, blessed, endless in the kingdom of God
  - Living water, having vital power in itself and exerting the same upon the soul
  - What does the word "alive" mean to you?
- Look up the word active in your concordances.
  - Active - (energēs) active, operative—effectual, powerful.
    - What does the word being "active" mean to you?
- Because "everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him" it means that he is omniscient.
  - Look up the words omniscient, omnipresence and omnipotence in your Bible dictionary. What is the commonality with all of these?



# Let's explore Genesis 1

- Read Genesis 1
  - God has given us from scripture an illustration of the power of His spoken word from the very beginning of time. Genesis chapter 1 is the Word of God in all of its glory and power.
  - The origin of the world that we know, see and experience is the direct result of the power of God's words. Each verse addresses how every living thing came into existence.
  - How many times is the words "And God said" (or some variance) written?

## Table Questions for Discussion

### Table Reflections:

- Discuss the uniqueness of the Bible compared to all other books ever written.
- Discuss your reluctance or reasons you may not have made reading the Bible one of your main passions since you became a Believer.
- Take a moment and reflect among yourselves a time or situation in your life when
  - You knowingly disobeyed the Word of God and acted in disobedience and what was the outcome.
  - When you completely obeyed the Word of the Lord even when it may have been difficult to do and what was the outcome.
- From Your experiences can you now see how and why God made this astonishing revelation to the prophet Isaiah for better or worse ? Also the truth that Jesus spoke even to satan on the mountain of temptation.



## *Closing Prayer*

Dear God, We come before you today knowing the promise that your word is living and active. We believe that it is sharper than any two-edged sword and has the power to pierce even to the dividing of my soul and spirit. We pray that your word would penetrate deep into our hearts and reveal any hidden thoughts or intentions that are not aligned with your will. May your word discern the motives of our hearts and guide us towards a life that is pleasing to you. Thank you for the power of your word and the transformation it brings. In Jesus name, Amen.

## **Homework**

If you have time tonight, please move forward to the homework portion. If you stop at the closing prayer, please finish the homework portion at home.

It is important that you complete the entire study, through Romans 12, to understand that the Bible is God's Living Water.

If you read the Bible at least four times a week, you will learn God's word and have all of the answers that you need for life.



## Homework

From Your experiences, can you see how and why God made this astonishing revelation to the prophet Isaiah? Also the truth that Jesus spoke even to satan on the mountain of temptation?

Read Isaiah 55:11 so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

You can trust that everything that God has said will come to pass in the universe as well as its impact in the life of every person.

Read Matthew 4:4 Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Bread is not the most important means of survival in your life, it is what God has spoken and man's response to His word that is most important.

### Let's Personalize the Intimate Relationship We Have With God

Read Psalm 139:1 You have searched me, Lord, and you know me. 2 You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. 3 You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways. 4 Before a word is on my tongue you, Lord, know it completely. 5 You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me. 6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain. 7 Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? 8 If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.

13 For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. 14 I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.

23 Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. 24 See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.



God’s intimate knowledge of us collectively and individually enables Him through His written Word to diagnose, perform spiritual surgery and bring healing to us all by His Word. He also guides those daily that are willing to give heed to the knowledge of His Word that we have received.

Read Psalm 119:9 How can a young person stay on the path of purity? By living according to His word.

10 I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands. 11 I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.

66 Teach me knowledge and good judgment, for I trust your commands.

105 Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.

## Reflect on this

- Can you see yourself becoming closer to the Lord?
- What are the things that get in the way of growing even closer to the Lord?
- What are some things you can change immediately to get you there?



## After Summary

In closing, it should be clear to all of us that our relationship with God is incredibly amazing, deeply spiritual and complete with instructions about daily living. Christians are a peculiar people charged to live a supernatural lifestyle, in a completely worldly environment. God has not abandoned us to accomplish this task alone, without His divine inspiration and intervention. He gave us Himself as of the Holy Spirit, who lives in each of us and promises to guide us.

John 16:13 But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. 14 He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you.

There are things that God desires and expects from us in our walk with Him clearly stated in Romans 12.

Romans 12:1 Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. 2 Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Let's agree together, to do our best to please God. You can be sure that His rewards and blessings for you will be beyond what you can imagine.