

THE LIVING WORD OF GOD

- Text: Heb. 4:12-13 (5 points about the Word of God):
- I. THE PARTICULAR _____ OF GOD'S WORD (vs. 12)**
- To show people where they _____ with God so they might receive Christ and enter into His _____.
- "For" = because (connection to previous verses).
- II. THE THREE-FOLD DESCRIPTION OF GOD'S WORD**
- _____ ("quick" = alive)
 - The utterance of the living God.
 - A living _____ able to give life to those who believe it (1 Pet. 1:23).
 - Wielded by a living _____ (vs. 13, "His" = Christ).
- _____ ("energy" = actively working).
 - Powerful in _____, able to penetrate the hardest heart (Jer. 23:29).
 - Powerful in _____, able to transform people's lives (Rom. 1:16).
- Sharper
 - A _____ able to cut through devil's deceptions and repel his temptations.
 - A razor-sharp _____ able to perform any/all necessary spiritual surgery in our lives.
- III. THE SURGICAL _____ OF GOD'S WORD**
- _____ = the center of feelings, desires, other things that are "of us";
- _____ = that part of us capable of communion and union with God through the indwelling Holy Spirit; the origin of those things that are "of God."
- The Word is able to precisely pierce through the tissues of our unseen makeup to reveal what is soulish/selfish and what is spiritual.
- IV. THE ACCURATE _____ OF GOD'S WORD**
- In addition to dividing, the Word also _____.
 - Discerner = a critic or _____ of the thoughts and intents of our hearts.
- V. THE _____ REVELATION OF GOD'S WORD (vs. 13)**
- "Him with Whom we have to do" = Christ:
 - The One Who _____ all and knows all about all His creatures (Ps. 139:1-6, Rev. 5:6).

- The One to Whom we will give _____ on the day of judgment.
 - "Him with Whom we have to do" = Him with Whom we have our account.
 - "Naked" = no _____.
 - "Open" = exposed and vulnerable like a person stretching out his _____.
- God has given us His Word to help us _____ for the day of accounting by facing the issues in our lives that need to be addressed.

CONCLUSION

- Question: What have you been _____ that God through His Word is revealing?
 - God already sees it. The issue is that you need to see it like He sees it so something can be done about it.
 - Wherever the point of God's conviction is piercing, wherever the surgical tool of Word is operating—repent, believe, obey while _____ is still today.