

Sunday Morning, May 15, 2016
The Power of the Scriptures
Hebrews 4:12-13

- I. We Are Resistless Before the Word's Penetration - What Does It Do?
 - A. Text Not Teaching Psychology of Man

 - B. Text Teaching Exposure of Human Heart by the Word
 - 1. Because God's Word Is Living
1 Pet. 1:23; Isa. 55:11

 - 2. Because God's Word Is Powerful

 - 3. Because God's Word Is Penetrating

 - 4. Because God's Word Is Discerning

- II. Reason for the Word's Power - Who Does It?
 - A. God's Word Was Inspired - God Spoke it
Heb. 1:1; 3:7; 10:15; 9:8; 2:6; 4:7; Rom. 3:2

 - B. God's Word Is Illuminated - God Still Speaking Through it
Heb. 3:7; 12:25

- III. Result of the Word's Power - Why Does the Word Do This?
 - A. The Power of the Word
Heb. 4:13; Ps. 139:7, 12

 - B. The Protection of the Word
Heb. 4:12; 3:13

- IV. Response to the Word - How Are You Responding to It?
 - A. What Response Is Fitting, Because of its Author?

 - B. What Response Is Fitting, Because of Life's Temptations?
 - 1. Daily Reading
Ps. 119:10-11, 104, 130; Jas. 1:21-25; Ps. 139:23; Job 23:12

 - 2. Humbly Believing
Isa. 66:2; Ps. 119:120; Ps. 119:97; Jer. 15:16; Heb. 4:1-2

Quotes

"Think in every line you read, that God is speaking to you."

Thomas Watson

"Holy Scripture should be thought of as God preaching- God preaching to men, every time I read or hear any part of it..."

J.I. Packer

"We owe to the Scripture the same reverence which we owe God."

John Calvin

"If any expect that the Scripture should be written to... render men skillful and cunning in them[selves], able to talk and dispute... they are mistaken. It is given to make us humble, holy, wise in spiritual things; to direct us in our duties, to relieve us in our temptations, to comfort us under troubles, to make us to love God and to live unto him..."

John Owen

"I have made it a practice for several years to read the Bible through in the course of every year. I usually devote to this reading the first hour after I rise every morning."

President John Q. Adams

Good men are afraid of sin, and are in care to prevent it; and the most effectual way to prevent it is to hide God's Word in our hearts, that we may answer every temptation, as our Master did, with "It is written"; [that we] may oppose God's precepts to the dominion of sin, his promises to its allurements, and his threatenings to its menaces."

Matthew Henry on Psalm 119