

**The Value of THE BOOK Of All Books
(Part II)
"The Power of the Scriptures to Change Lives"
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II Timothy 3:16-17

**V. 16, "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,
V. 17, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."**

Hebrews 4:12-13:

**V. 12, "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.
V. 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 an account."**

Five truths about the Scriptures (the "graphe", the written Word of God) to be learned from Hebrews 4:12:

1. The word of God is ETERNAL and therefore TIMELESS because it comes from the living God!

V. 12, "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.

V. 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 an account."

"Moses was in the assembly in the desert, with the angel who spoke to him on Mount Sinai, and with our fathers; and he received LIVING WORDS to pass on to us" Acts 7:38.

"For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the LIVING and enduring WORD OF GOD" (I Pet. 2:23).

"The words that I speak to you, they are Spirit and they are LIFE" (Jn. 6:63).

The greek word for "living" is a present participle which means that the Word of God is actively alive, presently alive, constantly alive.

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Peter said this: "For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through **THE LIVING AND ENDURING WORD OF GOD**" (I Pet. 2:23).

2. The word of God is POWERFUL!

V. 12, "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.

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3. The Word of God is capable of shredding anything and anyone.

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Isaiah 49:2 says of Jesus, "Before I was born the LORD called me, from my birth he has made mention of my name. He has made my mouth like a sharpened sword."

Rev. 1:16, "And out of his mouth came a sharp double edged sword."

Rev. 2:16, "Repent therefore! Otherwise, I will soon come to you and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth."

Rev. 19:15, "Out of his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations."

II Thess. 2:8, "And then the lawless one (Antichrist) will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will overthrow with the breathe of His mouth and destroy by the splendor of His coming."

Eph. 6:17, "Take the sword of the Spirit which is the word of God."

Two things that God's word does:

4. It penetrates into man's inmost being.

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5. And it evaluates every thought and motive.

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What This Book Is Able To Do For Those Who Will Do What God Intended And Spend Much Time Meditating Upon It

1. To UNBELIEVERS:

It is able to save you . . .

by penetrating your heart and bringing you into submission to Jesus and His Word.

Acts 2:37

2. To BELIEVERS:

It is able to save you . . .

from having already penetrated your heart and continuing to work there AS YOU BY FAITH MAKE USE OF IT THROUGH READING, MEDITATING, STUDYING, LISTENING.

(A.) Lk. 24:27, 32.

(B.) I Thess. 2:13

(C.) I Tim. 4:13-16