

Sermon Notes

There Is No Reason to Turn Back! *An Exposition of the Book of Hebrews*

#14 – “The Word of God as a Mirror” – Hebrews 4:12-13

I. Introduction

A. The importance of the Word of God

1. John 1:1 – God’s Word and Jesus are one in the same.
2. Pastor Don in Colombia
 - a. A woman seeking the truth
3. Peter’s remarks – I Peter 1:23-25
4. Hebrews Chapters 3 and 4 – hold fast amidst trials
5. The author has extensively used Psalm 95:7-9
 - a. He notes that this Psalm, written so long ago, is the Word of God for today.
 - b. Now he will assert the power in the Word of God itself.

B. The text: Hebrews 4:12-13

II. Exposition

A. Hebrews 4:12

1. Today: The Doctrine of Scripture
2. How do the writers’ individual chosen words become the Word of God?
 - a. The Holy Spirit superintends.
 - b. The writer’s personality, writing style, and grammar remain intact.
 - c. Emphasized early – Hebrews 1:1a

d. Additional quotes are prefaced with “as God says,” or “the Holy Spirit says”.

e. Paul – II Timothy 3:16-17

f. Richard Phillips

g. Luther

h. Watson

i. Peter – II Peter 1:19

3. “Living and active”

a. II Timothy 3:15

b. It is an alive book.

c. Ravi Zacharias

4. “Sharper than a two-edged sword”

a. Ephesians 6:17; Rev. 1:16; 2:12b

b. Note the image of the sword in Scripture.

5. “Piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit”

a. John MacArthur

6. “Able to judge”

a. KRITIKOS – We derive the word “critic”

B. Hebrews 4:13

1. “No creature hidden from His sight”

a. CORAM DEO

b. John 5:22

2. “All things are open”

a. Note another use of the term – “face to face”.

III. Point for Reflection

A. Remember the Word of God as a Mirror.

1. Exodus 30:17-21; Psalm 24:3-4a; Hebrews 4:12