The Power of God's Word (47 Minutes) Hebrews 4:12, 2024-02-04A, #6

Introduction: One of our goals for this year is to read through the Bible, preferably in a different translation. In our last study, we examine some reasons for reading through the Bible. One of the many reasons is all of the Scriptures are profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness (2 Timothy 3:16, New American Standard Bible). The Bible is a supernatural book written over a period of 1500 years by over 36 different writers in different places. All of the writers wrote under the influence of the Holy Spirit of God (2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20-21).

Today, I want to talk you about the power of God's Word.

- I. God's Word Has Power to Create:
 - A. God created the world and all that is in it by the power of His Word (Genesis 1:1-31; cf. Jeremiah 32:17; Revelation 4:11).
 - B. God hung the world out on nothing (Job 26:7).
 - C. God upholds all things by the power of His Word (Hebrews 1:3; cf. Colossians 1:17).
- II. God's Word Has Power to Convict (Romans 7:7).
- III. God's Word Has Power to Convert (Psalm 19:7; Romans 1:16; James 1:18; 1 Peter 1:23).
 - A. The Word of God gives us the reason we need to be saved (Psalm 51:5; Romans 3:23).
 - B. The Word of God tells us how to be saved (2 Timothy 3:15; cf. John 3:16; 14:6; Acts 4:12; Romans 10:1-4, 9-10).
- IV. God's Word Has Power to Change Lives (Jonah 3:5-10; Psalm 119:67, 71; cf. John 17:17).
- V. God's Word Has Power to Correct (2 Timothy 3:16-17).
- VI. God's Word Has Power to Cleanse (Psalm 119:9; John 15:3; Ephesians 5:25-26).
- VII. God's Word Has Power to Cut (Ephesians 6:17; Hebrews 4:12).
- VIII. God's Word Has Power to Crack (Jeremiah 23:29).
 - IX. God's Word Has Power to Caution (Psalm 19:11).
 - X. God's Word Has Power to Constrain (Psalm 119:11, 101; cf. Psalm 139:7-12; Proverbs 15:3; Jeremiah 23:24; Hebrews 4:13; Galatians 6:7).

- XI. God's Word Has Power to Cure (Psalm 107:17-20).
- XII. God's Word Has Power to Counsel (Psalm 1:1-3; 119:24, 97-100; Proverbs 15:1; 19:11; Ephesians 4 and 5; James 1:19).
- XIII. God's Word Has Power to Comfort (Psalm 119:50, 52; cf. Psalm 23:1-6; 27:1-14; 30:5; 34:19; 46:1-3; 61:1-3; 84:11; Isaiah 43:1-2; Hebrews 13:5; Romans 8:28, 31, 38-39; Job 19:25-27).
- XIV. God's Word Has Power to Continue (Psalm 119:89; Isaiah 40:8; Matthew 24:35).

 A. Down through the ages men have sought to destroy the Word of God.
 - B. The Roman Emperor Diocletian ordered the destruction of Bibles in 303 A.D.
 - C. The Bible continues to be at the top of the list of the best selling books in the world.
 - D. The French Philosopher Voltaire said on one occasion that in one hundred years the Bible would be extinct. One hundred years after Voltaire made that statement Voltaire was dead, and his home was purchased by the Geneva Bible Society and was used to print Bibles...
 - E. God's truth keeps marching on...

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