

# The Mighty Two-Edged Sword

Sermon 11 in the Hebrews Series

## Hebrews 4:12-13

### I. The Word of God Described v. 12

#### A. The Living Word

Exegetically – I believe v. 12 is speaking about the Word of God written.

#### B. The Inspired Word

##### 1. 2 Timothy 3:16-17

###### a. The Profitability of Scripture

It is authoritative in matters of  
Doctrine, Reproof, Correction, Instruction in Righteousness

v. 17 – (Amplified) -- *That the man of God may be complete and proficient and thoroughly equipped for every good work.*

###### b. The source of Scripture.

Inspiration = *theopneustos* – *lit.* “God-breathed”  
Instead of Inspiration – we could say we are talking about  
expiration. God “breathed out” the Word.

##### 2. 2 Peter 1:20-21

Primarily from these two Scriptures – along with the testimony  
of Scripture itself – we form the doctrine of the verbal plenary  
inspiration of Scripture – which includes the doctrines of the  
infallibility of Scripture and the inerrancy of Scripture.

**Infallible** = Trustworthy, reliable and true. The Bible will not lead you astray.

**Inerrant** = The Bible contains no factual errors or contradictions.

LBCF -- Chapter 1 – Paragraph 1 -- “*The Holy Scripture is the only sufficient, certain, and infallible rule of all saving knowledge, faith, and obedience;*”

### **C. The Cutting and Piercing Word.**

Dividing to the separation of soul and spirit is poetic language meant to show how penetrating Word of God is.

### **D. The Discerning Word.**

*“a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart”.*

## **II. The All-Seeing, Recompensing God v. 13**

O’Brien says, *“To be exposed to the word of Scripture is to be examined fully by God Himself, and therefore be answerable to Him.”*

There are two complementary phrases:

- There is no creature hidden from His sight
- All things are naked and open to his eyes
- Conclusion – to whom we must give account to Him as the judge
- V. 14 – brings the comfort and encouragement that the Hebrew writer carefully gives after exhortations to holiness – we have a Great High Priest.

Naked – nothing to cover

Open -- exposed – or by extension -- “defenseless”.

No cover ups – no defense

Everyone will give account of himself to God.