

Sermon Series: "THE BIBLE-Handwriting of God"

Message Summary: God gave us the Bible, His Word, so that we may hear from Him. So that we can be challenged. So that we can be encouraged. So that we can be changed. Hebrews 4:12 is one of several passages in the Bible that explains the power of God's Word.

THE BIBLE It's Alive, Active, with Answers Hebrews 4:12

1. Bible is Alive, Hebrews 4:12

Hebrews 4:12 – "For the Word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edge sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart."

2. Bible is Active, 2 Timothy 3:16,17

2 Timothy 3:16,17 - All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work."

2 Peter 1:19-21 - "And so we have the prophetic word confirmed which you do well to take heed, as a light that shines in a dark place until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, knowing this first, that no prophecy of scripture is of any private interpretation. For prophecy never came by the will of man but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit."

Psalm 19:1-6 "The heavens declare the glory of God, the firmament shows his handiwork. Day unto day utters speech, night unto night reveals knowledge. There's no speech nor language where their voice is not heard, their line has gone through all the earth, their words to the end of the world. He has set a tabernacle for the sun which is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber and rejoices like a strong man to run his race. It's rising is from one of heaven. It's circuit to the other end. There is nothing hidden from its heat."

Psalm 19:7-11 - "The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul. The testimony of the Lord is sure making wise the simple. The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart. The commandment of the Lord is pure enlightening the eyes. The fear of the Lord is clean enduring forever. The judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether."

More to be desired are they than gold, yeah, than much fine gold. Sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb. Moreover by them your servant is warned and in keeping them there is great reward."

2 Peter 1:16-19 apostle writes, "For we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty. For He received from God the Father honor and glory when such a voice came to Him from the Excellent Glory:" This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased," And we heard this voice which came from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain. And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the ay dawns and the morning star rises in our hearts."

Matthew 4:4 - "But He answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but every word that proceeds from the mouth of God."

3. Bible has Answers, Psalm 119:105-108

Psalm 119:105-108 – "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. I have sworn and confirmed that I will keep Your righteous judgments. I am afflicted very much. Revive me, O LORD, according to Your word. Accept, I pray, the freewill offerings of my mouth, O LORD, and teach me Your judgments."

Apply the power of God's Word into the practicality of life.

- My marriage is breaking up.
- My boss hates me.
- My career is going nowhere.
- I am depressed.
- Nightmares torment me.
- I have unpaid bills.
- My sexual desire is strong, and I'm single (or divorced).
- I want to get ahead at work.
- My husband has a drinking problem and is not a Christian.
- I have homosexual desires.
- I am a Christian and I have a problem with pornography.
- I am an addicted to drug.
- I am a victim of Child abuse.

- I am an adult child of an alcoholic and I can't break free from the psychological bondage.
- I feel that I have so much potential in life, but I can't seem to unlock it.
- I want to get over my fears and phobias.
- I'm lonely, and all my Christians friends just quote scriptures at me.
- I feel like a failure.

LifeGroup QUESTIONS:

BEGIN IT (5min) - Praise song & opening prayer.

OPEN IT (10min) - How do we know that the events we read about in American history books really happened?

EXPLORE IT (60min) – Take time to review Sunday's sermon outline stopping at each point to allow questions and contributing thoughts from the group. Now answer:

1. Why is it important to know that our faith is grounded in Biblical truth?
2. How do you think the Bible was written?
3. Describe a time that God's Word spoke clearly to your situation.
4. Why is it easy for us to forget truths that are important to us?
5. What portion of Scripture have you neglected lately in your life?
6. In your opinion, how often should a person spend reading the Bible?

APPLY IT (15min) - How do you need to change your Bible study habits in light of Scripture's importance? Pray as a group for an increase hunger for God's Word.