

THE LIVING WORD

Introduction

- 1) **Amos 2:4** – The people of God in Judah “despised the law of the Lord...”
 - a) “Reject, refuse, despise” – terrible attitude toward the word of God
- 2) **Psalm 119:162** – “I rejoice at Your word, as one who finds great treasure” – proper attitude
- 3) These same attitudes exist today about the word of God – some despise it, some rejoice in it
- 4) What is your attitude toward the word of God? What effect does it have in your life?

I) **The Value of the Word of God**

- A) The word of God is worth more than any and all earthly treasures
 - 1) Divine wisdom is priceless (Psa. 119:127; 19:10; Prov. 8:10-11)

II) **Word of God is Living and Active (Hebrews 4:12)**

- A) The word of God is alive and active – living and full of energy (Gk. *energes*)
 - 1) A piercing sword into our innermost parts – body, soul, and spirit
 - 2) Discerner (judge) of the thoughts and intents of our heart (soul, mind)
- B) Powerful to save from sin (Rom. 1:16)
- C) Full of truth to set us apart to God (Jn. 17:17)
- D) Effective to cleanse our way and light our path (Psa. 119:9, 105)
- E) Help to overcome temptations (Psa. 119:11)
- F) Sharp to expose and defeat error (Eph. 6:17)
- G) Authoritative to judge (Jn. 12:48)

III) **Characteristics of the Word of God (2 Timothy 3:16-17)**

- A) ***Divinely Inspired Scripture = Available for All***
 - 1) “Breathed-out” by God – divine source
 - 2) “All” Scripture – the entirety of divine writings
 - a) Old Testament (2 Pet. 1:20-21); New Testament (1 Cor. 2:12-13)
 - 3) “Given” – delivered from heaven to man (Gal. 1:11-12; Eph. 3:3-4; Jude 3)
 - a) “The faith” = complete final revelation has been delivered to the saints of God
- B) ***Profitable and Useful = Understandable by All***
 - 1) “Doctrine” – teaching, learning (2 Tim. 3:14-15)
 - 2) “Reproof” – convict, expose error (Jn. 3:20; Eph. 5:11)
 - 3) “Correction” – restore, straighten out (Prov. 9:7-9)
 - 4) “Instruction” – discipline, training in righteousness (Heb. 12:11)
- C) ***Able to Complete and Equip = Applicable to All***
 - 1) Makes the man of God “complete” – fitted perfectly for God’s work
 - 2) Thoroughly equipped unto *every* good work – no other “wisdom” needed
 - a) Makes us spiritually able to do God’s work in God’s way (Eph. 2:10; Rom. 12:2)

IV) **The Word of God Must Be Proclaimed Today!**

- A) By the word we are born again and our souls saved (1 Pet. 1:22-25; Jas. 1:21)
- B) Protects us in perilous times and against religious apostasy (2 Tim. 3:1; 4:1-4)
- C) To preach the word of God is to preach Jesus (Jn. 1:1, 14; 6:63, 68; 1 Jn. 1:1-4)

Conclusion

Is the living word of Jesus living in you? Do you know it, love it, and live it? A more precious treasure you could never obtain! Hear, believe, and obey today!