

## The Living Word

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### Hebrews 4:12 ESV

**"For the word of God is living and active (*energēs* - operative, effectual, powerful)..."**

*"The best books of men are soon exhausted--they are cisterns, and not springing fountains. You enjoy them very much at the first acquaintance, and you think you could hear them a hundred times over- but you could not- you soon find them wearisome.*

*All human books grow stale after a time--but with the Word of God the desire to study it increases, while the more you know of it the less you think you know.*

*The Book grows upon you: as you dive into its depths you have a fuller perception of the infinity which remains to be explored. You are still sighing to enjoy more of that which it is your bliss to taste."*

— Charles H. Spurgeon

**To read, study and meditate on the Bible is to encounter the transforming presence and glory of God.** *Reading the words of the Bible is reading words that are God-breathed, full of His life and power.*

### 2 Timothy 3:16 ESV

**16 All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness,**

### Genesis 2:7 ESV

**7 Then the LORD God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature.**

### Hebrews 11:3 ESV

**3 By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.**

*"The power of God's Word is infinite...God's omnipotence works through His Word: it has creative power and calls into existence the very thing of which it speaks." Andrew Murray, "The Inner Chamber"*

### Exodus 24:12-18 NASB

**12 Now the LORD said to Moses, "Come up to Me on the mountain and remain there, and I will give you the stone tablets with the law and the commandment which I have written for their instruction."**

15 Then Moses went up to the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain.

16 The glory of the LORD rested on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; and on the seventh day He called to Moses from the midst of the cloud.

17 And to the eyes of the sons of Israel the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a consuming fire on the mountain top.

18 Moses entered the midst of the cloud as he went up to the mountain; and Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

*Hebrews 12:18-21 ESV*

*18 For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest  
19 and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them.*

*20 For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned."*

*21 Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear."*

**2 Corinthians 3:7-11 NASB**

7 But if the ministry of death, in letters engraved on stones, came with glory, so that the sons of Israel could not look intently at the face of Moses because of the glory of his face, fading as it was,

8 how will the ministry of the Spirit fail to be even more with glory?

9 For if the ministry of condemnation has glory, much more does the ministry of righteousness abound in glory.

10 For indeed what had glory, in this case has no glory because of the glory that surpasses it.

11 For if that which fades away was with glory, much more that which remains is in glory.

**2 Corinthians 3:18 NASB**

18 But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.

**Isaiah 66:2 ESV**

2 But this is the one to whom I will look: he who is humble and contrite in spirit and trembles at my word.

**In the Word of God, you hear the Voice of God speaking to you directly and personally, all by the person and ministry of the Holy Spirit. The purpose of God's Word is not to transfer knowledge but to bring you into intimacy with God.**

**1 Corinthians 2:14 NASB**

14 But a natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually appraised.

**Psalm 119:18 NASB**

18 Open my eyes, that I may behold Wonderful things from Your law.

Psalm 119:27 NASB

27 Make me understand the way of Your precepts, So I will meditate on Your wonders.

Psalm 119:125 NASB

125 I am Your servant; give me understanding, That I may know Your testimonies.

Psalm 119:130 NASB

130 The unfolding (*pethach - opening*) of Your words gives light; It gives understanding to the simple.

John 16:12-15 NASB

12 I have many more things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now.

13 But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose (*anaggello - announce, report, rehearse, make known*) to you what is to come.

14 He will glorify Me, for He will take of Mine and will disclose (*anaggello - announce, report, rehearse, make known*) it to you.

15 All things that the Father has are Mine; therefore I said that He takes of Mine and will disclose it to you.

Romans 10:17 ESV

17 So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

1 John 2:27 NASB

27 As for you, the anointing which you received from Him abides in you, and you have no need for anyone to teach you; but as His anointing teaches you about all things, and is true and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you abide in Him.

**The Word of God transforms you into a new person, starting with the deepest thoughts, intentions and motives of the heart. The transformation of God's Word is not behavior modification but transformation of the core heart and soul - the mind, emotions and will.**

Hebrews 4:12 ESV

12 For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

Romans 12:2 NASB

2 **And do not be conformed** (*sychēmatizō - to conform oneself to another's pattern*) to this world, but be transformed (*metamorphoō - to transfigure*) by the renewing (*anakainōsis - changed into a new kind of life*) of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

*"It [the Word of God] would become in us the seed of every trait in the likeness of our Lord." --Andrew Murray, "The Inner Chamber"*

**2 Corinthians 3:15-18 NASB**

15 **But to this day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their heart;**

16 **but whenever a person turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away.**

17 **Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.**

18 **But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.**

**The Word of God creates in you what it requires of you.** *The Word of God causes the very person of Jesus Christ to be living and fully functioning within you.*

**1 Peter 1:22-23 ESV**

22 **Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart,**

23 **since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God.**

*"Through the Word, the Spirit would lead us into all truth, thus making all that is in the Word true in us."  
--Andrew Murray, "The Inner Chamber"*

**James 1:18 NASB**

18 **In the exercise of His will He brought us forth by the word of truth, so that we would be a kind of first fruits (aparche - offering of the firstfruits, those consecrated to God for all time, persons superior in excellence to others) among His creatures.**

**Philippians 2:13 ESV**

13 **for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.**

**Isaiah 55:10-11 NASB**

10 **For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, And do not return there without watering the earth, and making it bear and sprout, and furnishing seed to the sower and bread to the eater;**

11 **So will My word be which goes forth from My mouth; it will not return to Me empty, without accomplishing what I desire, and without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it.**

**2 Timothy 3:16-17 ESV**

16 **All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness,**

17 **that the man of God may be complete, equipped (exartizo - thoroughly furnish, finish, complete, furnish perfectly) for every good work.**