

“THROUGH THE BIBLE”

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“TAKING SERIOUSLY WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS” (PART 3)

(A View Point to Adopt)

LESSON: GOD’S WORD IS ALIVE, Hebrews 4:12, John 1:1-2, Romans 8:26

“The word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates, even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart”. Hebrews 4:12

SPECIAL NOTE: *We are not left alone in this world without hope! The Holy Spirit (HIMSELF) intercedes for us through “indecipherable wordless groans”. (Romans 8:26). SELAH!*

*****Genesis 19:12-29 (NKJV)*****

Seriously, “warfare always surrounds the birth of a miracle”

INTRODUCTION:

- 1. WE LIVE IN A FALLEN, BROKEN, WORLD-IT IS NOT OUR PERMANENT HOME.**
 - a. We are trapped between: “our present sufferings” and the future “glory that will be revealed in us” (**Hebrews 13:14; Philippians 3:20, Romans 8:18**).
 - b. Our (believers) weaknesses are ever before us (**Matthew 26:41**).
 - c. We (believers) have very powerful enemies everywhere (**Ephesians 6:11-13**).
 - d. We have been given the **“Ministry of the Holy Spirit”** (3rd PERSON of the *Trinity*) who has divine intellect, infinite wisdom, and vision. He has ability and power to pray effectively on our behalf, according to **the will and purpose of God** (**1 Corinthians 14:15; Ephesians 6:18-20; Jude 1:20**).
 - e. The Holy Spirit comes along to help us in prayer, interceding for us (***this ought not to be confused with “speaking in tongues”-Acts 2:4-47, 19:6; 1 Corinthians 14:13***).
Note: Romans 8:26.
- 2. GOD’S WORD IS ALIVE (Hebrews 4:12; John 1:1-2; Romans 8:26).**
 - a. SHARP.
 - b. PENETRATES.
 - c. DIVIDES.
 - d. JUDGES.
 - e. INTERCEDES.

3. **HEED GOD'S WISDOM (WORD) (Proverbs 1:1-6, Genesis 19:12-29, James 3:13-18).**
- a. God equips us with (Divine) Wisdom- It is a Holy Spirit resource.
 - b. **Remember Lot and his wife. They also lived in a culture of foolishness.**
 - c. We must understand that there is a wisdom that comes from this world, and a wisdom that comes from God.
 - d. The world's wisdom always **CONTRADICTS** the **DIVINELY REVEALED** Bible wisdom, on many important topics.
 - e. Solomon, very concerned, urges us to know that there is a ***reward*** of "discernment (perceive)", to understand instructions and wise counsel.

NOTES:

REMEMBER: When we do not study to apply God's Word (Scriptures), our life is at risk!