

Hebrews 4:12-16 — Piercing the Heart

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God warns us because unbelief is sneaky—and grace is serious.

For the word of God [is] living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged 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. (Hebrews 4:12 NKJV)

The Word of God is not a suggestion—it is a surgeon.

God's Word is living—so it meets you where you are, not where you used to be.

The Word is powerful—but it profits only the surrendered heart.

God's Word doesn't just confront what's wrong—it exposes what's hidden.

The Word of God can tell the difference between spiritual life and religious feelings.

For [the LORD does] not [see] as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart." (1 Samuel 16:7b NKJV)

The Word doesn't stop at behavior; it goes after the root.

There is a way [that seems] right to a man, But its end [is] the way of death. (Proverbs 14:12 NKJV)

"The heart [is] deceitful above all [things], And desperately wicked; Who can know it? (Jeremiah 17:9 NKJV)

The Word is a mirror that refuses to flatter.

And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things [are] naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we [must give] account. (Hebrews 4:13 NKJV)

Verse 12 says the Word exposes. Verse 13 says God Himself sees.

A Psalm of David. O LORD, You have searched me and known [me]. (Psalm 139:1 NKJV)

For God will bring every work into judgment, Including every secret thing, Whether good or evil. (Ecclesiastes 12:14 NKJV)

The God who sees everything is the God who provided everything we need in Christ.

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us [our] sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9 NKJV)

Conviction is not condemnation; it's an invitation to cleansing.

God's Word exposes unbelief so you can enter rest—through the cross of Christ.

Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast [our] confession. (Hebrews 4:14 NKJV)

We don't approach God on the strength of our performance, but on the strength of our Priest.

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who being the brightness of [His] glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, (Hebrews 1:3 NKJV)

Who [is] he who condemns? [It is] Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us. (Romans 8:34 NKJV)

For [there is] one God and one Mediator between God and men, [the] Man Christ Jesus, (1 Timothy 2:5 NKJV)

The grip that saves you is not yours on Jesus, but His on you—so keep holding fast.

For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all [points] tempted as [we are, yet] without sin. (Hebrews 4:15 NKJV)

Because He has walked this road, He helps us on it.

For in that He Himself has suffered, being tempted, He is able to aid those who are tempted. (Hebrews 2:18 NKJV)

Jesus doesn't just pardon your sin; He understands your struggle.

Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need. (Hebrews 4:16 NKJV)

***Because Jesus is on the throne-room side of heaven, you can come
to the throne-room side of grace.***

Confession isn't the price of forgiveness; it's the pathway back to communion.