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Hebrews 4:12, *“For the word of God [is] quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and [is] a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”*

The Greek word for “powerful” in the above verse is “energes.” It’s obvious from just a glance at the word that we get our word “energy” from that Greek word.

This time of year energy usage really begins to rise. We use more fuel to warm our homes and other buildings we use. Whether we use electricity or gas to heat and power appliances in our home, we have to keep a watch on usage. Energy costs are high. The gas to fuel our vehicles is the most expensive part of operating an automobile.

I’ve seen many articles throughout the years about very inexpensive and endless energy. When I was a child there was hope that solar energy would achieve this. Nuclear energy had given hope for this. The power within lightning is basically unlimited, but it cannot be harnessed and stored with today’s technology. The hope for the

future is fission which is basically the process the sun uses.

Whether any of these will come to fruition or not, we don’t know. What we do know is that we have the Bible with its boundless and unlimited energy.

Hebrews 4:12 tells us what this energy can do. The word is “quick.” This context does not mean “fast.” It means the word is living and active. It’s a sharp two-edged sword.

The only weapon in the Christian armor from Ephesians 6 is the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. This sword has energy. It’s sharp and it can cut where no physical sword can. It’s so sharp it can divide asunder the soul and spirit. It can cut things the human eye cannot see. Likewise, the normally unseen bone and marrow can be divided by this sword.

The word of God obviously does not literally divide our bones and our spirits. The point being made is that the word of God can get into the deepest and most hidden parts of mankind and make changes. It can reach into the deepest parts of our soul and change us. What power this is indeed. Not only is it powerful, but this power is unlimited. We don’t have to worry about this power source being drained and powerless.

To further show how powerful the word of God is, Jesus said in John 10:35, *“If he called them gods, unto whom the word of God came, and the scripture cannot be broken.”* What a great comfort this is. We love and study the word and obey it. It will save our souls. We need never be concerned about its power abating or anything about it changing. Put all your hope and trust in the precious words of the Bible. You will be rewarded at the end. That is guaranteed. The scripture cannot be broken.

—Marty Edwards❖

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News

—Continue to remember **Alice Vanderstoep, Steve Seaton, Brad Terry, Enola Zigler, Ken & Erin Davis, Becky Hatcher, Joanna Locke, Richard Connolly, Larry Compton, Linda Terry, Lauren Candela, Rick Gibbs, and Jerry**

Reynolds. Sandy Duncan has had much trouble getting around due to a fracture in her hip. Hip replacement surgery is planned for January 12.

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Psalms 119:89, “*For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven.*”

Change is all about us. It seems that technology changes daily. People from just a few years ago would have trouble recognizing so many of the changes in our society. If you return to a place you had lived a few years before, it’s often unrecognizable. Even our language changes as time progresses. There really isn’t anything that is not touched by change, except for one thing—the word of God. It is forever settled in Heaven.

The word of God cannot change. It cannot be added to nor taken from. It’s settled and complete in its final and eternal form. I take such great comfort from that. I know the things that I study today will be the same tomorrow, centuries from now, and forever.

Jesus said in Matthew 5:18, “*For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.*” Jesus was not saying that the word will pass away. We learn it is eternal. He was simply saying that it will remain as long as Heaven and Earth remain and until all is fulfilled. The word will last until the end of time unchanged whatsoever.

Is Jesus saying the word will pass away then? I don’t think that is His meaning. Jesus is simply saying that as long as there is time and

Sunday, December 10, 2023

Classes	16	Luke 2:12-39
Preaching	27	Matthew 5:1-12
Contribution	\$984.00	
Afternoon	11	Hebrews 11:11-40; Zechariah 10:1-12

Visitors— Dec 10 (AM) Alisa Nunn (Munfordville)

Bible Quiz

Ask of the LORD rain and He will make what kind of clouds?

Last Week’s Answer— A manger (Luke 2:7)

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people on earth, the word will not change. No doubt the word will continue in Heaven, but our being subject to it is different after this life. The rules and ordinances are for our time here. In Heaven the word shall have been completed.

—Marty Edwards❖

I Peter 1:25, “*But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.*”

—God’s Plan of Salvation—

1. Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:14)
2. Believe on the Lord and His Word (Mark 16:16; John 8:24)
3. Repent of your sins (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30)
4. Confess Christ (Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9)
5. Be baptized (immersed in water) for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27; I Peter 3:21)
6. Live a faithful, dedicated life (Revelation 2:10; II Peter 1:5-10)