

Hebrews 4:12

The Power Of God's Word

Miraculous Power In God's Spoken Word

1. Worlds made by His word.
Gen. 1; Psa. 33:6; Heb. 11:3
2. All things upheld by word of His power.
Heb. 1:3; 2 Pet. 3:7
3. Christ performed many miracles by His word.
 - a. Stilled the raging tempest. Mt. 8:23-27
 - b. Fed great multitudes. Mt. 14:15-21
 - c. Called the dead to life. Lk. 7:11-16; 8:49-56;
Jno. 11:43, 44

Power Shown By Comparison

1. Power in food to strengthen hungry.
Jms. 2:15, 16; Cf. Mt. 4:4; 1 Pet. 2:2
2. Power in medicine to heal sick.
Mt. 9:12; Cf. Psa. 107:20; Mt. 13:15

Power Shown By Comparison

3. Power in light to reveal.
Eph. 5:13; Cf. Psa. 119:105, 130
Reveals: God, Christ, H.S. Hell, heaven,
sin, way of salvation.
4. Power in fire to destroy and purify.
Lk. 17:29; Mal. 3:2; Cf. Jer. 20:7-9

Power Shown By Comparison

5. Power in seed to produce fruit.
Gen. 1:11; Cf. Lk 8:11
 - a. Cf. Parable of the sower. Mt. 13:3-8; 18-23
6. Power in rain to make earth fruitful.
Jms. 5:7; 17, 18; Cf. Isa. 55:6-11
7. Power in sword to kill. Mt. 26:52;
Cf. Eph. 6:17 Heb. 4:12

All-Sufficiency of Its Power

1. It is able to produce faith. Jno. 20:30, 31; Acts 15:7 Rom. 10:17
2. It is able to make wise. 2 Tim. 3:15
3. It is God's begetting power. Jms. 1:18;
1 Cor. 4:15

All-Sufficiency of Its Power

4. The power that produces our birth.
1 Pet. 1:23
5. The power that purifies the soul.
1 Pet. 1:22
6. The power that converts the soul.
Psa. 19:7ff (READ)

All-Sufficiency of Its Power

7. The power that cleanses us.
Jno. 15:3; Eph. 5:25-26
8. The power that sanctifies. Jno. 17:17
9. The power that makes us free.
Jno. 8:32

All-Sufficiency of Its Power

10. Able to give an inheritance.
Acts 20:32
11. It is able to save. Jms. 1:21;
Rom. 1:16; Acts 10 & 11:14; 1 Cor. 15:1
12. The power by which we will be judged.
Jno. 12:48

The Power May Be Resisted and Rejected

1. God doesn't force men to accept it.
Rev. 22:17; Jno. 5:40
2. Jews resisted Holy Spirit. Acts 7:51-52
3. False teachers resist the truth. 2 Tim. 3:8
4. Saul rejected word of Lord.
1 Sam. 15:23
5. Pharisees rejected commandments and counsel. Mk. 7:9; Lk. 7:30

How We May Resist It?

- His word says believe (Acts 16:31)
If I refuse, I resist.
- His word says repent (Acts 17:30)
If I refuse, I resist.
- His word says confess (1 Jno. 4:15)
If I refuse, I resist.
- His word says be baptized (Acts 2:38)
If I refuse, I resist.

Conclusion:

- A. All promises in His word depend on obedience. Heb. 5:8-9.
- B. Disobedience insures our condemnation.
2 Thess. 1:8.