

The Gospel Herald

“As the truth is in Jesus” (Ephesians 4:21)

For The LORD’S PILGRIMS, STRANGERS & SOJOURNERS

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*“**Sharper than any two-edged sword”***

(Hebrews 4:12)

“For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged 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.”

*I was blessed by a message preached yesterday by a preacher from Gospel Baptist Church of Trinidad, West Indies. The dear brother used an analogy of how a machete which has no handle is not usable in its intended purpose, to cut or thrash one’s way through heavy brush, for just a mere blade makes the tool useless. The dear brother continued to reveal the analogy of the “Word of God,” unless one has the **handle** of the Old Testament and its history of God’s divine revelation of His dealing with Israel and the law and the prophets, one is limited in the full understanding of the fulfilled purpose of the New Covenant and New Testament of which we make up the Israel of God in these last days.*

*To be blessed with the revelation of those things which were done under the Old Covenant and see how that God in His decreed purpose has preserved the Old Testament types and shadows for us to have a deeper understanding of all the aspects of which Christ come to complete and fulfill provides the **handle** for Gods two edged sword that we of the New Covenant Church would be blessed to use it skillfully as we attempt proclaim Christ everlasting gospel. Yet we see a far deeper revelation of the “Word of God” and how “the Word became flesh and dwelt among us” (John 1:14).*

*We see from the Holy Writ that the “Word of God” is not merely sharp as a “two-edged sword”, but **is sharper than ANY two-edged sword!***

The Word of God empowered by the SPIRIT of God is that which pierces, divides and discerns every aspect of the human creature. It reveals mans depraved and doomed condition by nature, found cursed with sin as our motive of lifestyle even from our

mother's womb; and for those blessed of God to have hearing ears to hear the glorious good news gospel of the deliverance found in the person of the God/man Christ Jesus, called, ordained and appointed as heirs of divine love shall be granted repentance, and godly sorrow evidenced in their low estate.

Beloved of God, the gospel of Christ does not cause spiritual life to be imparted, for by it (the gospel) life and immortality are manifested and brought to light to those which have been quickened and made alive by God's Holy Spirit (II Tim. 1:10). For one dead in trespasses and sins cannot see nor hear the things of the Spirit, for the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God and neither can he know them. (I Corin. 2:14).

Oh! for grace that brings **LIFE** and **QUICKENS** the dead alien sinner and causes the new birth which is evidenced by one being a new creature making old things pass away and all things become new. To have the **handle** of the Old Covenant is to see all the works of the law and the commandments were insufficient to remove completely the sins of Israel, but that it only revealed a **temporary** covering annually for the sins of the people, but now we have the manifestation of **The Lamb of God** which taketh away the sin of the world, yeah, even Christ Jesus the ultimate sacrifice and complete atonement made by His divine blood removing our sins from us **never to be remembered again!** May we be blessed to use the **sword of the Spirit** which is the word of God as part of the Christian armour as we press on in this mortal realm in this low ground of sin and sorrow, proclaiming an Almighty and unlimited God which rules and reigns in the armies of heaven and among the inhabitants of the earth, for there is no salvation by any other means nor method than that which has been provided by **He which had come to "seek and save sinners," JESUS CHRIST!**

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