

Blessed be the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Welcome, beloved. Today, let us take time to study the Word of God.

Throughout the Bible, God's Word is likened to various objects that help us understand its nature and impact in our lives. It is called:

A lamp - “

Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.” (*Psalm 119:105*)

A sword -

“For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword...” (*Hebrews 4:12*)

The sword of the Spirit – “

Take... the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.”
(*Ephesians 6:17*)

And a mirror – which will be our focus today.

The Word of God as a Mirror

Let's think about the role of a mirror. A mirror doesn't create an image; it reveals what is already there. Before stepping out for work, school, or any public place, most people glance at a mirror to check their appearance. Why? Because the mirror shows any untidiness — messy hair, crooked tie, unwashed face — that we might not notice on our own.

In the same way, God's Word functions as a spiritual mirror. It

reveals not our physical appearance but the true condition of our hearts, our attitudes, and our actions. It exposes sin that hides beneath the surface and urges us to make corrections before stepping into life's spiritual battles.

The Danger of Ignoring What You See

Imagine a man sees himself in the mirror and notices dirt on his face and messy hair, but instead of fixing it, he shrugs and walks away. Later in the day, he sees his reflection again and is embarrassed. Why? Because he saw the truth earlier but did nothing about it.

James compares this directly to those who hear God's Word but don't obey it:

James 1:22-25 (KJV):

"But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.

For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass:

For he beholdeh himself, and goeth his way, and straightway

forgetteth what manner of man he was. But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed."

To hear the Word and walk away without responding is self-deception. It's like admiring your reflection but doing nothing about the flaws it reveals. God doesn't show us our spiritual dirt to embarrass us, but so we may repent, confess, and change.

The Word Convicts and Demands Action

When the Word is preached or read, it penetrates deeply:

Hebrews 4:12 (NIV):

"For the word of God is alive 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."

The Word exposes jealousy, pride, unforgiveness, immorality, rebellion, lukewarmness, and other hidden sins. At that moment — when the mirror is placed before you — you must act. If you delay, you are likely to forget what God has revealed, and your heart may grow cold and hardened.

Hebrews 3:15 (ESV):

“Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion.”

Delayed Obedience Is Disobedience

Many people feel conviction when they hear the Word, but they delay responding. They say:

“I’ll repent later.”

“I’ll stop living in sin next month.”

“I’ll start taking God seriously after this season in life.”

But the Bible says the time to respond is now:

2 Corinthians 6:2 (NIV):

“Now is the time of God’s favor, now is the day of salvation.”

The danger of delay is that we may forget, lose conviction, or harden our hearts. God’s Word is a call to immediate action.

What Have You Done With What You’ve Heard?

You’ve heard the Word. You know that:

- Adultery and fornication are sin (1 Corinthians 6:9-10)
- Lust and worldly passions are condemned (Titus 2:12)
- God calls us to holiness in speech, dress, and conduct (1 Peter 1:15-16)

- Those who practice iniquity will not inherit the Kingdom of God (Galatians 5:19-21)

So what have you done with this truth? Have you:

- Repented sincerely?
- Forsaken your sins?
- Surrendered fully to Christ?

Or have you looked into the mirror and walked away, still intending to “fix” yourself later?

Today, God Has Placed the Mirror Before You Again

Beloved, this moment is not a coincidence. God is giving you

another chance. He is placing the mirror of His Word before you once more. Will you take it seriously this time?

Proverbs 28:13 (NIV):

“Whoever conceals their sins does not prosper, but the one who confesses and renounces them finds mercy.”

Isaiah 55:6-7 (NIV):

“Seek the Lord while he may be found; call on him while he is near.

Let the wicked forsake their ways and the unrighteous their thoughts. Let them turn to the Lord, and he will have mercy on them.”

Responding to the Word

If you are ready to give your life to Christ today, it will be the wisest and most rewarding decision you ever make. Here's what you must do:

1. Humble yourself before God.
2. Confess that you are a sinner in need of His mercy.
3. Repent — turn from sin and commit to following Christ.
4. Be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins:

Acts 2:38 (KJV):

“Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.”

5. Receive the Holy Spirit, who will teach, guide, comfort, and

BE NOT ONLY A HEARER, BE A DOER OF THE WORD.

strengthen you to walk in victory.

May the Lord bless you and help you to be not just a hearer of the Word, but a doer.

Maranatha — The Lord is coming!

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