

HEBREWS 4:12-13 GOD'S PENETRATING OIL

¹² *For the word of God is living 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.* ¹³ *Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.*

I have a variety of cans of WD-40 scattered around the house, and even have a “pocket-size” can in my tackle box. Whether it is a crescent wrench that is suffering from not being properly dried after my last plumbing escapade, a squeaky hinge on a door, or frozen nut on the lawn mower, a quick squirt of the magic fluid saves the day. From reading the label one learns that its effectiveness is due to its ability to penetrate the rust and crud in order to lubricate and free up the moving parts.

Whether our problem is the natural build up of worldly crud through neglect of regular confession, the squeak caused by settling into an unbalanced material life, or our devotional or prayer life is simply frozen we have been provided a true fix. When we read God's instructions we come to Hebrews 4:12, *For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow.* God's word applied liberally will lubricate your life. The key is that the God who can see into every nook and cranny of our existence guides the application of his healing word directly to where it is needed.

As no would-be handy man would be caught without a can of WD-40, anyone seeking to live the Christian life should have God's word accessible at all times. A Bible at home, a Bible at work, a Bible in the glove box of the car, maybe even a New Testament in your tackle box. Keep one handy. But the best plan is to regularly memorize passages of Scripture. That way you are prepared to apply God's word even in the dark.

Jesus, you know just how I have allowed the anxieties, cares and even the blessings of this world to accumulate in my life. I come to you asking that through the Holy Spirit you apply your freeing word in my life that it might penetrate to my very soul and transform me from within. Amen.