

读经(叁)

Reading the Bible (III)

贰 圣经的功用(续)

II. The Functions of the Bible (continued)

(十一) ‘免得我得罪你。’诗篇一百一十九篇十一节。

11. “That I might not sin against You” (Psa. 119:11).

圣经也能使我们免得犯罪得罪神。我们是生在罪中，长在罪中，最容易犯罪得罪神的人；我们若将圣经的话藏在心里，圣经的话就能常常提醒我们，警戒我们，使我们免得犯罪得罪神。

The Bible also prevents us from sinning against God. We were born in sin, have grown up in sin, and easily sin against God. If we store the words of the Bible in our heart, they will constantly remind and warn us so that we do not sin against God.

(十二) ‘圣灵的宝剑。’以弗所六章十七节。

12. “The sword of the Spirit” (Eph. 6:17).

圣经的话也是圣灵的宝剑，是我们可以靠着圣灵用以对付撒但和他的使者的。许多时候，我们能打败那引诱或攻击我们的邪灵、仇敌，都是藉着圣经的话。当日主耶稣在旷野打退了那引诱祂的魔鬼，也是藉着旧约圣经的话。所以我们要与撒但邪灵争战，要胜过他们，也必须常读圣经，熟练圣经，使我们对圣经的话能运用自如，能随时随地用来对付我们属灵的仇敌。

The word in the Bible is the sword of the Spirit. We can apply it by the Holy Spirit to deal with Satan and his messengers. Through the word of the Bible, we can defeat the devil, the enemy, who tempts and attacks us. When the Lord Jesus was in the wilderness, He defeated the tempter, the devil, through the word of the Old Testament. Therefore, in order to fight and defeat Satan and the evil spirits, we must read the Bible. We must be familiar with the Bible and be able to use it to deal with spiritual enemies at any time and in any place.

(十三) ‘比…两刃的剑更快。’希伯来四章十二节。

13. “Sharper than any two-edged sword” (Heb. 4:12).

圣经的话锋利如剑，不只能对付我们属灵的仇敌，并且能将我们里面的魂与灵给我们剖开，能将我们心中的思念和主意给我们辨明，叫我们能分开什么是属于魂的，什么是属于灵的；叫我们能分辨什么思念是出于我们自己的，什么主意是出于神的，使我们里面的一切光景，都在主面前赤露敞开，不得隐瞒，而成为显然的。

The word of the Bible is as sharp as a sword. It can deal with our spiritual enemies, but it can also divide our soul from our spirit and discern the thoughts and intentions of our heart. It divides what is of the soul and what is of the spirit. It also enables us to discern the thoughts and intentions that come from ourselves and those that come from God. The word exposes our entire inward condition before God. Nothing can be hidden in us, and everything is made manifest through the word.

比方，有一个弟兄原是凭天然的热心传道、赶鬼。有一天他读到马太七章二十一至二十二节，那里的话就刺入他的里面，叫他觉得他的传道赶鬼，乃是出于他魂里自己的热心，并不是出于他灵里所受神的启示；乃是凭着魂的能力发热心，并不是凭着灵的能力遵行神的旨意；乃是出于魂的，并不是出于灵的。这样，圣经的话，就把他在传道赶鬼的事上，如何属魂，而不属灵的光景，给他显明出来；就把他的魂和灵，在传道赶鬼的事上，给他分开；就叫他在这些事上拒绝魂，而随从灵，不凭着魂而作，只凭着灵而行。

For example, a brother who preaches the gospel and casts out demons according to his natural zeal can be touched when reading Matthew 7:21-22, which says, “Not everyone who says to Me, Lord, Lord, will enter into the kingdom of the heavens, but he who does the will of My Father who is in the heavens. Many will say to Me in that day, Lord, Lord, was it not in Your name that we prophesied, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name did many works of power?” As he is reading, the word will pierce him and cause him to see that his preaching of the gospel and his casting out of demons are according to soulish zeal, rather than God’s

revelation in his spirit. This exposes his zealousness as being from himself, according to the power of his soul, rather than from the will of God, according to the power of the Spirit. In this way the word of the Bible enables him to discern that the source of his gospel preaching and casting out of demons is his soul rather than his spirit. Consequently, in the matters of preaching the gospel and casting out demons, the word separates his soul from his spirit, causing him to reject his soul in these matters and to rely on his spirit.

再比方，有一个姊妹正和一个不信的男子进行婚姻。一天她读经读到林后六章十四节，那里所说‘你们和不信的原不相配，不要同负一轭’的话，就刺入她的心中，叫她觉出她一个信的人和一個不信的男子进行婚姻，乃是出于她自己的主意，不是出于神的旨意。这样，这节圣经的话，就把她在婚姻的事上，怎样随从她自己的意思，体贴她肉体的爱好，而不随从神的旨意，不体贴神的心意，那真实的光景，给她显明出来；就在她婚姻的事上，把她的心意和神的旨意，分别清楚；就叫她在这样的大事上得蒙拯救，脱离自己肉体的喜爱；不随着肉体 and 心中行喜好的去行，而顶从神那上好的旨意，使自己蒙到神的喜悦，并得着神的保守。圣经的话在这一类的事上，对于我们常是活泼而有功效的，其锋利甚于两刃的剑。我们里面无论有什么样的调和搀杂，圣经的话都能为我们剖开辨明，而将我们真实的光景带到神约面前，摆在神的面光中，叫我们得蒙拯救，脱离魂，而活在灵里；脱离自己和自己的意念，而活在神和神的心意里。

A sister who plans to marry an unbeliever may be touched when she reads 2 Corinthians 6:14, which says, "Do not become dissimilarly yoked with unbelievers." This word can pierce her heart and cause her to see that her desire to marry an unbeliever is according to her own will, not God's will. Thus, the word enables her to discern that she is following her will and minding the preferences of her flesh rather than God's will and heart's desire in the matter of marriage. When the will in her soul is divided from God's will in her spirit, she will be saved from the desires of her flesh in this important matter. Rather than following her flesh and the desires of her heart, she will obey the peerless will of God. Then she will please God and be preserved by God. The word of the Bible is always living and operative in our circumstances. It is sharper than any two-edged sword. There is no amount of mixture within us that cannot be divided and discerned by the word of the Bible. The word will always expose our real condition, bringing our situation into the shining of the light from His face. This will empower us to live in our spirit, forsaking our self and the thoughts of the self in order to live in God and in His will.

（十四）‘当食物。’耶利米十五章十六节，马太四章四节，约伯记二十三章十二节，希伯来五章十四节。

14. "I ate" (Jer. 15:16; see also Matt. 4:4; Job 23:12; Heb. 5:14).

圣经的话也是我们属灵生命的食物。我们肉身的生命如何需要营养，我们属灵的生命也如何需要营养。属灵生命的营养，是只有圣经的话能供应的。我们要在神面前作一个活泼而刚强的人，不能单靠食物，也必须靠神口里所出的一切话，就是圣经的话。我们必须把圣经的话当作食物吃下，甚至看重圣经的话过于食物。否则，我们属灵的生命就不能长大。我们对于领会圣经的话，必须习练得通达，使我们能领会圣经中那些难解的话，像长大成人的人能与干粮一样。否则，我们属灵的生命就不能强壮。

The Bible is food for our spiritual life. Just as our physical life needs nourishment, our spiritual life needs nourishment. The word is the only thing that can supply nourishment to our spiritual life. If we want to be strong and living before God, we cannot live on bread alone; we need the word that proceeds out of the mouth of God, which is the word of the Bible. We must eat the word of the Bible like food and even esteem the Bible more highly than food. We need to eat the word in order for our spiritual life to grow. We also must exercise to understand the more difficult portions in the Bible in order to be full-grown men, who are able to eat solid food. Without this eating and exercise, we will not become strong in our spiritual life.

（十五）‘灵奶。’彼前二章二节，林前三章一至二节，希伯来五章十二至十四节。

15. "Milk of the word" (1 Pet. 2:2; see also 1 Cor. 3:1-2; Heb. 5:12-14).

圣经的话不只是我们属灵生命的干粮，也是我们属灵生命的奶。干粮是为大人的，奶是为婴孩的。当我们在属灵的生命上长大，对于属灵的事能领会得练达的时候，我们就能从圣经的话里，得到干粮的营养，使我们属灵的生命强壮有力。当我们在属灵的生命上幼稚，对于属灵的事，领会力不够强的时候，圣经的话也有的像奶一样，能喂养我们，使我们在属灵的生命上得以渐渐长大。所以一个初得重

生的信徒，必须爱慕圣经的话，‘像才生的婴孩爱慕一样；’否则，他在属灵的生命上必不能长大，必一直作一个‘在基督里为婴孩’的人。

[The Bible is not only solid food but also milk for our spiritual life.](#) Solid food is for adults; milk is for infants. When our spiritual life is mature and we have an understanding of spiritual matters, we can extract the nourishment of solid food from the Bible, strengthening our spiritual life. When our spiritual life is immature and we lack an adequate understanding of spiritual matters, there are portions of the word of the Bible that are like milk, which can nourish us and cause our spiritual life to grow. Therefore, [newly regenerated believers must love the word of the Bible and “as newborn babes, long for the guileless milk of the word.”](#) If they do not, they will remain babes in Christ and their spiritual life will not grow.

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