

# “God’s Correction by the Word of God”

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BIG SANDY, Texas—At our Bible study on Wednesday night, I continued with my series about God’s correction. This particular study was titled “God’s Correction by the Word of God.”

Following are some of the scriptures from that Bible study.

## **Powerful Word of God**

Notice how Hebrews 4:12 describes the Word of God.

- Sharper than any two-edged sword
- Piercing even to the division of soul and spirit
- Piercing even to the joints and marrow
- A discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart

Notice how Hebrews 4:13 describes how discerning the Father is.

- There is no creature hidden from His sight.
- All things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.

## **Written Word of God**

- 2 Timothy 3:16—Scripture is profitable to doctrine (teaching), reproof (sometimes called rebuke), correction and instruction (sometimes called discipline for the purpose of better behavior).
- Deuteronomy 17:18-19—Old Testament kings were instructed to write a copy of the law of God and to continuously read it.
- Acts 17:11—The disciples in Berea had a reputation of searching the Bible to confirm what they were hearing being taught.

## **Spoken Word of God**

- Jeremiah 23:1-4—The Lord was not happy with many alleged shepherds who would not feed the flock.

- Jeremiah 23:16—Many alleged prophets gave worthless messages—because their words were visions of their own heart instead of being from the mouth of the Lord.
- Jeremiah 23:21—The Lord said that He did not send those prophets and did not speak to those prophets—but those facts did not stop those prophets from claiming to speak for Him.
- Romans 10:14-17—Hearing the Word of God is a blessing.
- 2 Timothy 2:14—Paul reminded Timothy to avoid striving about words—because it is not profitable.
- 2 Timothy 2:15—Paul encouraged Timothy to diligently study the word of truth.
- 2 Timothy 2:16—Paul encouraged Timothy to avoid profane and idle babblings.

### **Oral temptations**

Children of God can learn from the example of the Son of God resisting the three temptations from the devil.

In the first temptation (Matthew 4:3), the devil sought to manipulate the Son of God with an oral challenge.

- The devil said: “If” you be the Son of God . . .
- It was a deceptive challenge—could He really change stones into bread?

In the second temptation (Matthew 4:6), the devil sought to manipulate the Son of God with an oral challenge.

- The devil said: “If” you be the Son of God . . .
- It was a deceptive challenge—would angels really catch Him and protect Him?

In the third temptation (Matthew 4:8-9), the devil sought to defeat the Son of God with a visual temptation and an oral temptation.

- It was a deceptive challenge—was He willing to end the suffering immediately (and miss the moment of dying on the cross)?

### **Rejected the oral temptations**

- Matthew 4:4—Man shall live by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.
- Matthew 4:7—Man shall not tempt the Lord.
- Matthew 4:10—Man shall worship and serve only the Lord.