

## You Have a Two-Edged Sword!

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"For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword." [Hebrews 4:12]

### What is the Significance?

What is the significance of the "two-edged sword" referred to in Hebrews 4:12?

If you examine this phrase carefully, you'll discover that this phrase regarding a "two-edged sword" appears all over the New Testament, so it must be pretty important.

For instance, when the apostle John received his vision of Jesus on the isle of Patmos, he said, "And He had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp two-edged sword: and his countenance was as the sun shining in his strength" [Revelation 1: 16].

Notice that this "two-edged sword" came out of Jesus' mouth! Why would Jesus have a sword in His *mouth*? Shouldn't the sword have been in His *hand*?

### Word Study:

The phrase "two-edged" is taken from the Greek word 'distomos' and is unquestionably one of the oddest words in the entire New Testament. Why is it so odd? Because it is a compound of the word 'di', meaning two, and the word 'stomos', which is the Greek word for one's mouth. Thus, when these two words are compounded into one (distomos), they describe something that is two-mouthed! Don't you agree that this seems a little strange?

So why would the Bible refer to the Word of God repeatedly as a 'two-edged sword' or, literally, a 'Two-mouthed sword'? The Word of God is like a sword that has two edges, cutting both ways and doing terrible damage to an aggressor. [Ephesians 6:17] calls it "the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God".

The term "word" is taken from the Greek word 'rhema', which describes something that is spoken clearly vividly and in unmistakable terms and undeniable language. In the New Testament, the word 'rhema' carries the idea of a quickened word or a word that has been given LIFE and POWER!

### Here's an example of a 'rhema' or a quickened word:

You are praying about a situation - and suddenly a Bible verse rises up from inside your heart. At that moment, you are consciously aware that God has given you a verse to stand on and to claim for your situation. You've just received a word that came right out of the mouth of God and dropped into your spirit! That word from God was so sharp that it cut right through your questions, intellect, and natural logic and lodged deep within your heart.

After you meditated on that 'rhema', or that quickened word from God, it suddenly began to release its power inside you. Soon you couldn't contain it any longer! Everything within you wanted to declare what God had said to you. You wanted to say it. You want to release it out of your mouth! And when you did, those powerful words were sent forth like a mighty blade to drive back the forces of hell that had been marshaled against you, your family, your business, your ministry, your finances, your relationship, or your body.

First, that word came out of the mouth of God. Next, it came out of *your* mouth! When it came out of *your* mouth, it became a sharp, "two-edged" - or literally, a "two-mouthed" - sword. One edge of this sword came into existence when the Word initially proceeded out of God's mouth. The second edge of this sword was added when the Word of God proceeded out of *YOUR* mouth!

### The One-Edged Sword:

The Word of God remains a one-bladed sword when it comes out of God's mouth and drops into your heart but is never released from your own mouth by faith. That supernatural word simply lies dormant in your heart; never becoming the two-edged sword God designed it to be.

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### **One Edge Becomes Two!**

Something happens in the realm of the Spirit when you finally rise up and you begin to speak forth that word. The moment it comes out of your mouth, a second edge is added to the blade! Nothing is more powerful than a word that comes first from God's mouth and then from your mouth. You and God have come into agreement, and that agreement releases His mighty power into the situation at hand!

So begin to willfully take the Word into your spirit by meditating on it and giving it a place of top priority. This is how you take the first necessary step in giving the Word a 'second-edge' in YOUR life. Then, when you are confronted by a challenge from the demonic realm, the Holy Spirit will be able to reach down into the reservoir of God's Word you have stored up on the inside of you and pull up the exact scripture you need for that moment.

As that quickened 'rhema' word from God begins to first fill your heart and mind and then come out of your mouth, it becomes that "two-mouthed sword" described in the Scriptures. That's when demons start to tremble in terror!

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### **PRAYER FOR TODAY**

Father, I see now that your Word is a mighty and sharp two-edged sword that releases power when I speak it out of my mouth. I know that Your Word has the power to defeat every adversary in my life. As I take it into my heart and get it deep into my soul I know it will empower me to speak Your Word with mighty strength and authority.

Forgive me for all the times I have just skimmed over Your Word rather than planting it deep in my heart. I realize that the answers I seek are in Your Word - and that Your Word - when spoken from my mouth - releases authority against the devices the devil tries to use against me. So today, Lord, I make the decision to plant Your Word deep in my spirit-man and then to speak it and release its power in my life!

I pray this in Jesus' Name - Amen!