Logos of God **November 2, 2026**

Indeed, the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. – Hebrews 4:12

The Greek word that is often translated as "word" in the English language is *logos*. What is interesting about *logos* is that it wasn't just a word for the people who used it in writing the Scriptures. We all know that John's gospel opens with the great announcement: "In the beginning was the *logos,* and the l*ogos* was with God, and the l*ogos* was God" (John 1:1). *Logos* meant more than just "word," it was reason, logic, order, and even the underlying meaning of the universe. So, when the ancient biblical writers use *logos*, we need to understand something greater than just a word.

The same is true for the writer of Hebrews. When they write that the "logos of God is living and active…" what they mean is that the purpose, or order of God is living and active. Yes, we can sometimes interpret this to mean the books we know as the Bible, but more than that, it is the underlying message of the Bible that is meant to teach us and show us the way to God.

One of the great things that we can grasp after we understand what these writers mean by *logos* is that though it is "shaper that any two-edged sword" it was never meant to be used as a weapon. Instead, it was meant to be used like a surgeon's knife to separate our will from God's. To remove the ego in order to allow for the Spirit of God to be our guide. The judgement it passes is to help us align the intentions of our heart with the intentions of God, or to learn deeper what means to love others as we have loved ourselves, or even greater, as God has loved us.

Allowing ourselves to be open to the movement of God's will and Spirit, allows us to listen to the *logos* of God to find the healing and the salvation it offers as it leads us to the one who was *Logos* himself – Jesus our Lord. May we strive after his love more each and every day.

Grace & Peace,
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