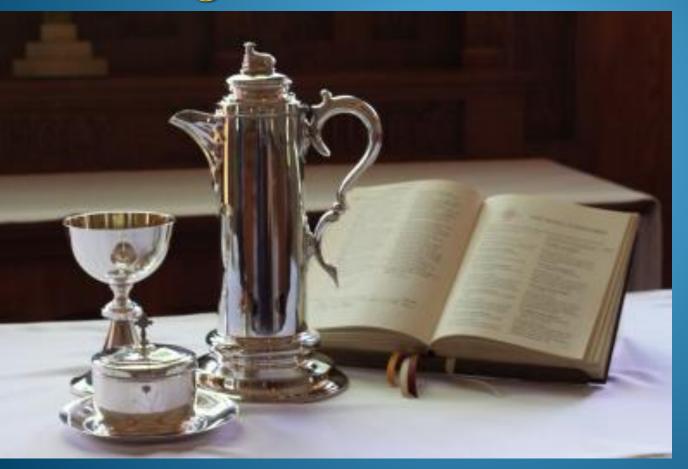
HEBREWS 4:11-13

The Fourth Conclusion (Exhortation)

MNOTHER EXHORTATION

+ Be Eager to Enter His Place of Rest



Divine Service

+ Be diligent

+ Earnestness

ANOTHER EXHORTATION

+ Run the Race of Faith...Together!!!

WHY?

+ LIFE

+ DEATH

DON'T QUIT...
FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT,
KEEP THE FAITH,

FINISH THE RACE!



ΤΗΕ POWER OF GOD'S WORD ὁ λόγος τοῦ θεοῦ

It's important for you to fully understand this phrase: THE WORD OF GOD!

- + His Word is Living and Unique
- + It's His Word spoken at Mt. Sinai
- + His Word is an oath that's spoken (7:28)
- + Spoken to the Church (1:2; 13:7)
- + Spoken for encouragement (13:22)
- + Spoken for righteousness (5:11-13)

THE POWER OF GOD'S WORD ο λόγος τοῦ θεοῦ



THE POWER OF GOD'S WORD

ό λόγος τοῦ θεοῦ

His Word is spoken by the preacher as an agent, to you, that gives you life, saving you from eternal death:

- + God's Word is effective (1 Cor. 16:9; Philemon 6)
- + God's Word is at Work...where?

THE POWER OF GOD'S WORD ο λόγος τοῦ θεοῦ



GOD'S SHARP WORD

His Word is...likened to a surgeon's scalpel.



But actually the Greek word used by the preacher is more like a...

GOD'S SHARP WORD

Such a sword was used by the a magistrate or judge!

It's purpose was to exact retribution

Cf. Ephesians 6:17



GOD'S VISION

In v.13, the preacher now explains that God's Word is matched by His remarkable vision...far sharper than an MRI!

Our LORD "sees" you in two ways:

- 1. You are never hidden from His sight!
- 2. You lie "naked and laid bare to His eyes!"

Therefore, you will give account! How!

- + By your CONFESSION (cf. v.14)!
- + Thus, His Word accomplishes its purpose!

GOD'S SHARP WORD

Let's Summarize!

Divine Service is where the LORD is present, so that He may give rest to His congregation through His living, effective Word.

By His Word, He judges & heals His faithful ones; justifies and sanctifies; and renews and empowers!