

## Double edged sword

As I was wondering what to write, one thing which came back to me again and again is the resurrecting Power of God's Word in our lives. Often we are content in knowing the Word of God through Sunday sermons, TV programmes, magazines etc. It is like living on liquid diet via IV tubes. Surely you will not die, but where will your strength come from?

God's best gifts are His Son Jesus who paid the prize for our sins which we were supposed to pay, and the Word of God, the Bible which we have in our hands. If you read the history of the Bible you can only touch it with awe and reverence. Do you know in India the Tamil Bible was the first printed book! And it was printed in Tranquebar (tharangambadi) by Ziegenbalg.

During the times of Law, only priestly class could read and preach this Word. But when Jesus died for us, He Himself became our mediator, our bridge between God and us. So when we believe in Jesus, we can boldly enter the presence of the most Holy God (read Hebrews chapter 8,9 specifically, Hebrews 9,19-23. So now we have direct access to God, as Peter tells us, "But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light." (1 Peter 2,9).

When you have a dear friend you speak and write directly to her, only if it is your boss you go via secretary. If you know Jesus as your personal Saviour and Friend, you don't have to wait till Sunday to know what He has to tell you. Just as you would tear open a long awaited letter from your friend, you will long for the time to read the Bible. Bible is the most wonderful love letter ever written to man by God Himself! Believe me it is true. I am a literature student and I have read so many books, Romantic poetry and so on, I tell you NOTHING NOTHING can ever ever come near my Bible. Nothing can comfort you like the Bible, No one can restore you like the Living Word. There is nothing that is not there. Try it.

Sometime this week I was so angry with everything around me including God, Usually I share God's word with my friends every night in my room. I told the Lord I am not going to do it because I am angry, but somehow at 8.30, I could not contain, I started speaking. Soon

after I felt so good, even without my control I was speaking those verses which come specially when you are depressed. I was amazed. The word of God is a double edged sword, not only will it pierce through the one who hears it but also the one who utters. Praise God for His Word. So no more excuses about not reading the Bible if you have the Bible and if you are literate, you should read it. Do not read it out of obligation, but read it out of love. I hope everyone has a Bible if you don't, please let me know (whatever language) and somehow I'd get it across. God bless you all. Have a blessed weekend. Memorize Hebrews 4:12.

For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow: it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.