

Week 06
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Transforming Daily
“... *sharp sword* ...”
Revelation 19:15

Other translations have this phrase written as a “sharp two-edged sword.” Irrespective of its designation it is symbolic in application. The key to this verse is “out of His mouth.” Some people have tried to describe what type of sword it is. For instance, a double-edged sword is different from a rapier. The former is made more for hacking (whether officer’s model or soldier’s) and the latter is made for sticking or puncturing. Either one will get the job done. In this passage, the type of sword is somewhat inconsequential. It is of importance only to the point that it symbolically represents how Judge Jesus uses His words.

The words of Christ are used to judge the nations. Therefore, by implication the words must be those of Scripture. In essence the judgment of Christ will be according to the Bible. It will be according to the laws, statutes, covenants, words of grace, words of mercy, words of woe and words of wrath spoken by the Savior now to be acted upon by the Judge then.

All of us from time to time have experienced a piercing blow by the words of friends and foes. The most damaging blows are from words that come from our own lips and came back to rest on our ears and hearts. There is nothing like the blow from a child to a parent when the child says something they shouldn’t have said or acts in a way they shouldn’t have acted only to find that they were mimicking their parents. There is nowhere to run and there is nowhere to hide. The damage is particularly significant if it leads to legal or punitive circumstances.

The result of a piercing blow from the Word of God will more than likely be as significant as a brutal slaughter rather than a clean puncture. Jesus is going to wipe out all of the nations who rejected Him. There will be no prisoners. His word will be wielded with such accuracy, power, and truth that there will be no genuine form of defense. The only defense from His word then is His word now. Today is the day of salvation!

Where do you stand? Have you already met Christ personally? Are you regularly introducing Him to others? Do you know His word? Do you believe His word? Do you trust His word? His word is just as authoritative now as it will be then. It is just as piercing now as it will be then. The difference is the outcome. Now His word is a sharp scalpel removing the disease of sin. Then His word will be used to destroy His enemies as a sharp sword.