Images of the Word of God

Below is a list of images that the Bible gives to describe the Word of God. Each analogy seems to indicate a different function. Discuss how we can use the Word of God (or how it acts) to perform the work of sanctification and protection in our lives? Other verses are listed which may aid in the discussion.

Some Questions to consider:

1. What does this analogy describe (e.g. what are fires and hammers designed to do)?
2. How does the above analogy describe the function of the Word of God?
3. How could I apply this function of the Word of God to my life?

## A Double-edged Sword Hebrews 4:12

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| Hosea 6:5 | 2 Corinthians 10:4-5 |
| Ephesians 6:17 | Revelation 2:16 |

## Lamp & Light Psalm 119:105

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| 2 Peter 1:19 | Psalm 119:130 |
| Proverbs 6:23 |  |

## Fire & Hammer Jeremiah 23:29

(Fire: different effects on different objects; hardens/softens, warms/devours; purifies/separates/refines/tests quality.)

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| 1 Corinthians 3:13 | Malachi 3:2 | Ezekiel 36:26 |
| 2 Corinthians 2:16 | Jeremiah 20:9 | Jeremiah 1:10 |
| Isaiah 10:17; 47:14 | Psalm 12:6 |  |

## Mirror James 1:22-25

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| 1 Corinthians 13:12 | Romans 2:13 |
| John 8:32 |  |

## Food Deuteronomy 8:3 & 1 Peter 1:25-2:2

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| Deuteronomy 32:47 | 1 Corinthians 3:2; 10:3 |
| Hebrews 5:12 |  |

## Seed 1 Peter 1:23

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| 1 John 3:9 | 2 Corinthians 9:6 |
| Galatians 6:7 | Hosea 1:13 |
| James 1:21 |  |