

## Session #18 – The God Who Speaks.

### The Biblical Witness that God Speaks

That God speaks is one of the \_\_\_\_\_ things we learn about Him.

Genesis 1:3 – He accomplished \_\_\_\_\_ with speech.

Psalms 29 is captivated with the voice of God: Repeatedly there is reference to the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

God \_\_\_\_\_ in numerous instances throughout scripture.

Psalms 19 instructs us about two forms of God's speech.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ without words through creation.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ with words through his law, his testimony, his precepts, and his commands.

So to sum up, the Bible is overflowing with testimony to the point that God speaks. He speaks in many ways. But communication is a fundamental part of who God is.

### The Wonder that God Speaks

Conceivably, God could have created the world and remained \_\_\_\_\_.

What would the world be like in which God is silent?

Our knowledge of God depends upon God's willingness to speak.

1 Corinthians 1:21, "the world did not know God through wisdom."

1 Corinthians 2:11, "No one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God." 1

Corinthians 2:10, the reason we know any of the things of God is because "God has revealed them to us through the Spirit."

God cannot be known unless he \_\_\_\_\_ to be known. And we should be absolutely astonished and grateful at his choice to do so.

J. I Packer — "what happens is that the almighty Creator, the Lord of hosts, the great God before whom the nations are as a drop in the bucket, comes to [a human being] and begins to \_\_\_\_\_ to him, through the words and truths of Holy Scripture. ... One day the

human being wakes up to the fact that God is actually \_\_\_\_\_ to him–him!–through the biblical message. As he listens to what God is saying, he finds himself brought very low; for God talks to him about his sin, and guilt, and weaknesses, and blindness, and folly, and compels him to judge himself hopeless and helpless, and to cry out for forgiveness, but that is not all. He comes to realize as he listens that God is actually opening His heart to him" (*Knowing God*, 32).

### Aspects of God's Speech

1. Much of what God has said has been collected together into a \_\_\_\_\_–the Bible.

2 Timothy 3:16

2. All of what God says is \_\_\_\_\_.

John 17:17 – "Your word is truth."

Titus 1:2 declares that God never lies.

Numbers 23:19 attests that "God is not a man that he should lie."

Hebrews 6:18 states, "it is impossible for God to lie."

What God speaks is \_\_\_\_\_.

3. The word of God is \_\_\_\_\_.

It carries such weight that it is able to command things which are not and cause them to come into being. His word bears authority over all that he has made.

4. The word of God is \_\_\_\_\_.

At his word supernatural works take place.

The word of God's power raises human beings dead in their trespasses and sins from death to life. Andrew Wilson states, "Salvation is not simply someone changing their point of view; it is the creation of a completely new type of entity, a born-again person, a corpse made alive through the \_\_\_\_\_ of God. It is an entirely supernatural process, brought about entirely by God speaking through the gospel." (*Incomparable: Explorations in the Character of God*, 279)

Ezekiel 37.

5. The word of God is \_\_\_\_\_. We learn from the word what we need to know.

Knowledge is a key component in spiritual growth and wisdom and understanding.

God's word provides information necessary to live wisely and rightly.

As an example we could look to Romans 6.

Verses 1-11 are all instructional.

Finally verse 12 applicational.

It matters what we \_\_\_\_\_. And the word of God provides just that.

6. The word of God is multi-functional.

Theology

Doxology

Ethics

Promises

Commands

Explanations

Exhortations

Comfort

Warning

Wisdom

### **The Apex of God's Speech**

The pinnacle of what God has spoken is in a \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

John 1:1-2, 14

Hebrews 1:1-3

### **Responding to God's Speech**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ the word of God and delight in its sweetness. (Psalm 19:10-11)

2. \_\_\_\_\_ the word by loving and obeying Jesus Christ. (John 14:15, 21)

3. \_\_\_\_\_ the word carefully and devotedly. (Memorize it and meditate upon it)  
(2 Timothy 2:15; Colossians 3:16; Psalm 119:11; Joshua 1:8)

4. Take the greatest \_\_\_\_\_ possible to the word. (Hebrews 12:18-29)

### **CONCLUSION**

It may be obvious that God is a God who speaks but we certainly cannot take it for granted. Rather let us rejoice in Him and devote ourselves to his precious and glorious word.