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God speaks

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- God informs
- God warns
- God comforts
- God clarifies
- God blesses

God to man words

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God and man dialogue

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"Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" And the man said, "The woman whom Thou gavest to be with me, she gave me from the tree, and I ate" (Genesis 3:9-13).

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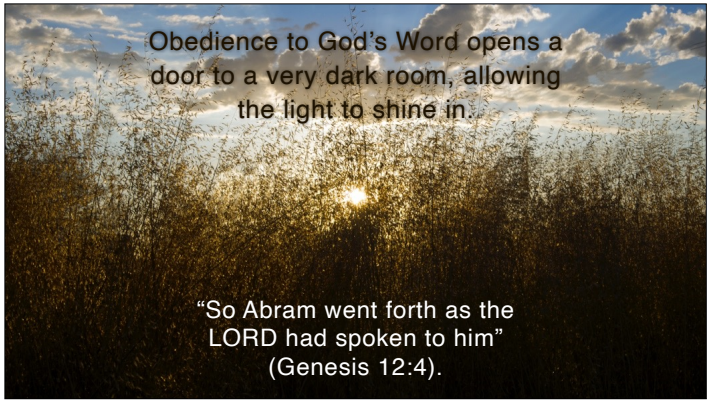


Examples of God's Word in the Old Testament

- ★ **Genesis 4 God and Cain**

Then the LORD said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" And he said, "I do not know. Am I my brother's keeper?" And He said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood is crying to Me from the ground. (Gen 4:9-11).
- ★ **Genesis 12 God speaks to Abraham**

"Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go forth from your country, And from your relatives And from your father's house, To the land which I will show you; And I will make you a great nation, And I will bless you, And make your name great; And so you shall be a blessing; And I will bless those who bless you, And the one who curses you I will curse. And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." So Abram went forth as the LORD had spoken to him; and Lot went with him. (Genesis 12:1-4).



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★ **Psalm 19 Revelation and God's Word**

"The heavens are telling of the glory of God; And their expanse is declaring the work of His hands. Day to day pours forth speech, And night to night reveals knowledge" (Psalm 19:1-2).

★ **Joshua and Judges**

"But you have not obeyed my voice. What is this you have done?" (Judges 2:2).

The Book of Joshua clearly highlights the blessings that follow those who dare to obey God's word. The following book, the Book of Judges, showcases the disasters that await those who disobey God's word.

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The Power of God's Word

"God creates out of nothing. Wonderful you say. Yes, to be sure, but he does what is still more wonderful: he makes saints out of sinners."

— [Soren Kierkegaard, The Journals of Kierkegaard](#)

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Hebrews 12 The Prophet

God spoke most clearly through Jesus.

Jesus, The Prophet

"God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, in these last days has spoken to us in His Son..." (Hebrews 1:1-2).



The Church Age

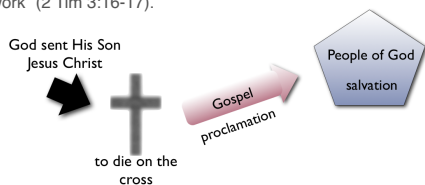
- Christ is the head; God's people are the body (Eph 1:20-23).
- Christ is the bridegroom; the church is His bride (Eph 5:22-25).
- Jesus is the vine; His people the branches (John 15:1-8).
- Jesus is the cornerstone; the church are the living stones (1 Pet 2:3-7).

The intimate relationship illustrates the close connection they now share with God. Jesus did not halt communication but elevated it to a whole new level.



The Word of God as Truth (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

"All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work" (2 Tim 3:16-17).

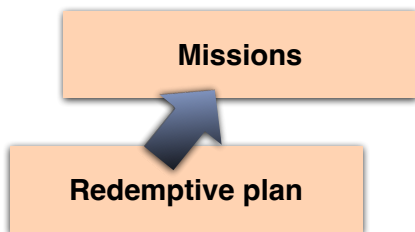


"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age" (Mat 28:19-20).



Missions is God's Ongoing Program

We now listen to the Lord, know His Word, and share the truth!



Reconciles us to God through the cross so that we can hear Him speak again!

The Meaning of Redemption

The Program The Purchase The Pleasure



"I want it!"



"I paid for it!"



"I'll enjoy it!"

Two actions:

Payment - agreed upon price
Exchange - transfer

Missions

"Missions is not the ultimate goal of the Church. Worship is. Missions exists because worship doesn't. Worship is ultimate, not missions, because God is ultimate, not man. When this age is over, and the countless millions of the redeemed fall on their faces before the throne of God, missions will be no more. It is a temporary necessity. But worship abides forever." —Piper

"I rejoice in the Lord...I will be glad and exult in thee, I will sing praise to thy name, O Most High" (Ps 104:34, 9:2). Missions begins and ends in worship.

— John Piper, Let the Nations Be Glad

Discussion Questions



- What are some ways God speaks with people?
- What is one question you'd like God to answer? Have you spoken to Him about it?
- Why is Jesus considered more important than other prophets? What is one key thing Jesus said?

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