God Has Spoken

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INTRODUCTION

- I want us to think of the highest form of communication that has ever taken place. And that is that God has communicated himself to us.
- We understand this basic principle from the creation scene. That nothing happened until God spoke. That should be our mantra for authority today.
- We need to marvel at that fact that God would speak to us. The second response should be our absolute reverence to the words he has spoken.

1 God Has Revealed Himself Through His Creation

Psalm 19:1–4

- God has revealed Himself to us through His creation.
- We learn so much about God by what He did, by what He has created.
- The heavens declare the glory of God. And the firmament shows his handiwork. Day unto day utter speech, and night unto night reveals knowledge.
- The psalmist does, over and over again, uses the words of communication. That God has communicated himself through nature.
- As powerful as that means of communication is, it's limited, because there's only so much we can know about God through creation.
- I don't even know his name when I look at creation.

2 God Communicated Himself Through His Written Word

Psalm 19:7

- Lord is sure, making wise the simple.
- God has communicated to me, and so I have put down into words so that you can know what I know about the will of God.
- God communicated himself through his written word. And that's really the focus of our study this morning.

3 What God Showed Us: The Word Became Flesh

John 1:1–4; John 1:14

- Maybe the highest form of communication is not in what God created, not in what God spoke, but in what God showed us.
- In the beginning was the Word. And the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
- The word spoken of there, the means of communication, was Jesus Christ Himself. God showed us who He was.

- If you want to know what God would do with a leper or with the lame or the blind, look at Jesus.
- If you want to know how God feels about each and every one of us and the sin and the judgment and damnation that we've brought upon ourselves, all you have to do is look at the cross.

4 God Used the Normal Rules of Communication

Matthew 19:3–4; Matthew 12:38–40; Matthew 22:31–32

- God spoke to us through the normal means and rules of communication. God used human language to speak to us.
- Stating what instrument was to be used excluded all other options without having to enumerate those.
- He did not invent a new language to communicate to us. He used the language of the people to whom he was speaking.
- God's going to tell you certain things, He's going to show you certain things by example. And there's just some certain common sense implications and inferences that you need to make.
- Jesus taught by telling men things, by showing them, and by letting them infer from statements what he was wanting to impart to them.
- He was implying that Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob are no longer dead. Hence the resurrection.

MY NOTES