

Twelve Ways God Speaks: #1) Creation

Twelve Ways God Speaks: #2) Wisdom

Twelve Ways God Speaks: #3) Your Conscience

Twelve Ways God Speaks: #4) Other People

Twelve Ways God Speaks: #5) The Word of God

- Hebrews 4:12 – For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.
 - “active” = in Greek, it means that it gets stuff done
- Isaiah 55:11 God says His word will, “accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.”
- Five Things God's Word Accomplishes
 - His Word Reveals Who He Is
 - John 5:39 – You study the Scriptures diligently because you think that in them you have eternal life. These are the very Scriptures that testify about me.
 - The ultimate expression of God's Word revealing who He is, is Jesus – “the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us” (John 1:14)
 - John 14:9 – Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father.
 - His Word Instructs Us in Righteousness
 - 2 Timothy 3:16-17 – 16 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, 17 so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.
 - Romans 15:4 says that “everything that was written in the past was written to teach us”
 - Psalm 19:7–11 – 7 The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul. The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple. 8 The precepts of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the Lord are radiant, giving light to the eyes. 9 The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever. The decrees of the Lord are firm, and all of them are righteous. 10 They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the honeycomb. 11 By them your servant is warned; in keeping them there is great reward.
 - His Word Convicts Us of Sin
 - Romans 3:20 – Therefore no one will be declared righteous in God's sight by the works of the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of our sin.
 - Romans 7:7 – I would not have known what sin was had it not been for the law
 - Josiah Re-discovers the Law (2 Kings 22)
 - Vs. 8-10 – 8 Hilkiyah the high priest said to Shaphan the secretary, “I have found the Book of the Law in the temple of the Lord.” He gave it to Shaphan, who read it. 9 Then Shaphan the secretary went to the king and reported to him: “Your officials have paid out the money that was in the temple of the Lord and have entrusted it to the workers and supervisors at the temple.” 10 Then Shaphan the secretary informed the king, “Hilkiyah the priest has given me a book.” And Shaphan read from it in the presence of the king. 11 When the king heard the words of the Book of the Law, he tore his robes.
 - His Word Lights Our Path

- Psalm 119:105 – Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.
- Matthias Chosen as an Apostle (Acts 1)
 - Vs. 20 – It is written in the Book of Psalms: “May his place be deserted; let there be no one to dwell in it,” and, “May another take his place of leadership.”
- His Word Defeats the Enemy
 - 1 Peter 5:8 – Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.
 - Ephesians 6:14-17 – 14 Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, 15 and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. 16 In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. 17 Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.
 - Jesus Defeats the Devil’s Temptations (Matthew 4)
 - 1) The Devil tells him to turn the stones into bread...
 - Jesus: “Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God” (Deut 8:3)
 - 2) The Devil tells him to jump off the top of the Temple and God will catch him...
 - Jesus: “Do not put the Lord your God to the test.” (Deut 6:16)
 - 3) Finally the Devil tells him to bow down and worship him and he’ll let him rule the nations...
 - Jesus: “Away from me, Satan! For it is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.’” (Deut 6:13)
 - Vs. 11 – Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.
- Psalm 1:1-3 – 1 Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers, 2 but whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on his law day and night. 3 That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither – whatever they do prospers.