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Welcome to Gods Promise, I'm Dr. Kiley and I'm here to help you apply God's promise to your life.

This week we are looking at the Promise that God Has Spoken. Yesterday we started off with the promise that God Speaks and today we are looking at God's Identity and showing you how His character is the basis for that promise.

Century after century, one nation in the Old Testament pushed its luck with God. Like a thorn in Israel's side, this kingdom made life miserable for God's chosen people on numerous occasions-and did so arrogantly. One day, a voice was heard that stopped their rebellion.

Verse 1 of Obadiah shows why this voice was the one they didn't want to hear. Obadiah verse 1 says, "The vision of Obadiah. This is what the Sovereign LORD says about Edom — We have heard a message from the LORD: An envoy was sent to the nations to say, "Rise, let us go against her for battle"

Do you know of someone that chooses to live on the edge of conflict with the authorities? Testing every rule, talking their out of every situation, and seem to have more lives than a cat ... until the day the police come to the house to have them arrested. That's when the family knew that the game was over.

In the Old Testament era, the kingdom of Edom was like that. Edom had been on God's bad side for hundreds of years for its arrogance and mistreatment of the nation of Judah. The nation of Edom developed from the descendants of Esau, Jacob's twin brother. Perhaps the people of Edom were still angry over God's choosing Jacob instead of Esau as the line of blessing. Whatever the reason for their misbehavior, God used Obadiah as the police" and called Edom out

What was significant for Edom, and is significant for us today, is to recognize how God spoke: " This is what the Sovereign LORD says about Edom ..." This phraseology brings to mind the old television commercial where the punch line was, "*When E. F. Hutton talks, people listen.*"

When you read Obadiah's text, we get the sense of what it means when God speaks: "*When the Sovereign Lord talks, people listen.*" When God speaks, the discussion is over. God's voice never falls silent.

This perspective on God speaking comes from Him being sovereign, which means "ruler" or "master." The "Lord" part of His name means that He has been patient ... a loving and personal authority. God spoke to Edom as Sovereign Lord, and He will one day speak as Sovereign Lord to all the nations of the world. Those who know Him rest in the fact that His words have authority, but they are balanced with the love in the heart of a tender Father. If you ever wonder if God always means what He says ... remember the Bible says "*When the Sovereign Lord talks, (wise) people listen.*"

**God's Promise: All of His authority is present in all of His words.**