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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 looked at My Identity and how the promise relates to our position as a child of God. Today we are looking at the Impact of the promise when it is received and applied to our life.

Many voices heard in our world reflect agendas of power and strength. Military voices, political voices, self-centered voices, voices crying for significance. These voices are so loud that we might think God has been shouted down. But Psalm 29:3-9 assures us that God's voice is the strongest of all. Psalm 29:3-9 says, *"The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD thunders over the mighty waters. The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is majestic. The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon. He makes Lebanon leap like a calf, Sirion like a young wild ox. The voice of the LORD strikes with flashes of lightning. The voice of the LORD shakes the desert; the LORD shakes the Desert of Kadesh. The voice of the LORD twists the oaks and strips the forests bare. And in his temple all cry, "Glory!"*

After a week's worth of looking at social media, watching or reading the news, discussing current events with our friends or coworkers, we can become discouraged. And at one level, who wouldn't be? From across the oceans roll the mournful stories. From other directions come the voices of political opponents as they battle one another with insults. Then there are the powerful regimes - governmental, corporate, and the rich - that have misused their authority in ways that have hurt the innocent. It takes conviction not to lose heart.

But the psalmist David helps us gain God's perspective on the troubling voices of our day. In his own life, David witnessed nearly every possible abuse of power in the human realm. As an innocent young man in Saul's palace, he was hounded and haunted by the jealous and evil controlled king.

Later, as a king Himself he became the abuser of the innocent. His moral failure with Bathsheba led to the murder of Uriah (her husband), a man who had been his trusted comrade-in-arms, which brought David the greatest shame of his life. Recovering, he learned to be faithful to God's covenant, only to be "rewarded" at the end of his reign with the moral failure and rebellion of his own sons.

Through it all, however, David learned that only one voice in space and time really matters: the voice of God. Read Psalm 29:3-9 to yourself after the video. David testifies that God quiets the clamor of humanity. God's voice spans the oceans and thunders louder than the waters can roar. His voice is powerful and majestic; it breaks the cedars of Lebanon which is a symbol of strength in the Old Testament. His voice is like lightning; it shakes the desert while stripping bare the oak forests. And in His temple, when His voice is heard, and His people cry out, "Glory!"

When earthly voices fill our ears, we can listen for the voice of the Lord to be heard above all others. As we pray in the privacy of our own homes or worship in with a community of believers, we too can cry, "Glory!"

God's Promise: No voice will ever be heard more clearly than His.