Introduction

Where do we hear the voice of God most clearly?

It is here in his holy word, the Bible.

“Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet’s own interpretation. For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.” II Peter 1:20-21

“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.” II Timothy 4:16-17

To hear the word is to hear God himself.

To reject the word is to reject God.

I. God’s Word is living.

His word speaks to us today just like it spoke to the people when it was written.

It describes the human condition better than any other book and it shows us the remedy for our sin in the gospel of Jesus Christ.

His word has power to change lives and shape the course of nations.

Through his word, God speaks to us every day.

II. God’s Word is convicting.

It is a two edged sword.

It cuts where no other sword can go.

It can bring life or death, healing or judgment.

Acts 2:37 – They were cut to the heart and repented.

Acts 7:57-58 – They were furious at Stephen and stoned him.
III. God’s Word is revealing.

It judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

It acts like an umpire.

The word of God sharpens our conscience as we hear and read it.

The Psalms and Proverbs repeatedly talk about the value of wisdom.

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. Psalm 19:7-11

God’s word is like a spotlight.

There is no place where God’s light cannot shine.

IV. God’s Word is binding.

God’s word holds us accountable. It is the final authority.

“Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.”

- The word uncovered means naked or exposed.
- The word laid bare is a wrestling term. It was used to describe a hold that involved gripping the neck in such a way that it always brought victory.

The best thing we can do with our sin is to confess it to God and deal with it now.

The best thing we can do with our life is to surrender it to him.

Conclusion

God’s Word is powerful.

- It is living.
- It is convicting.
- It is revealing.
- It is binding.

For the word to do its work in our life, we need to know it and we need to obey it.