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SERMON SERIES: Why We Should Believe the Bible

SERMON TITLE: God Speaks

TEXT

Genesis 1:1-2,6,9,14-15

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. ²The earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the waters. ³Then God said, “**Let** there be **light**”; and there was light.

⁶Then God said, “**Let** there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the **waters.**”

⁹Then God said, “**Let** the waters below the heavens be gathered into one place, and let the dry land **appear**”; and it was so.

¹⁴Then God said, “**Let** there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years; ¹⁵and let them be for lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the **earth**”; and it was so.

²⁰Then God said, “**Let** the waters teem with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth in the open expanse of the **heavens.**”

²⁰Then God said, “**Let** the waters teem with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth in the open expanse of the heavens.

²⁴Then God said, “**Let** the earth bring forth living creatures after their kind: cattle and creeping things and beasts of the earth after their **kind**”; and it was so.

SUMMARY STATEMENT

Over and over again the writer of Genesis tells us that God speaks, and over and over again we see God speaking by His powerful word. Our God is a God who speaks.

INTRODUCTION

God brought order out of chaos by speaking. My task over the next several weeks is to convince you that the Bible is **God's** word and that His word is reliable, but first we must establish that our God is a God who speaks.

POINT 1

We believe in the Bible because according to the Bible God spoke, and He brought order out of chaos just by speaking His powerful word.

Genesis 1:1-2

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Sub-Point 1: The Bible is a book of faith and not a book of proof.

Sub-Point 2: Before the Creation the earth was an empty, chaotic wasteland.

Sub-Point #3: God spoke and brought order out of chaos by His powerful word.

POINT 2

We believe in the Bible because according to the Bible God spoke, and He transformed darkness into light just by speaking His powerful word.

Genesis 1:3

³ Then God said, “**Let** there be **light**”; and there was light.

Sub-Point 1: Science has established that darkness is not an entity in and of itself. It is simply the absence of light.

Sub-Point 2: When God spoke, the darkness was overpowered by the light.

POINT 3

We believe in the Bible because according to the Bible God spoke, and when He spoke, every created thing obeyed His powerful word.

Genesis 1:26

²⁶ Then God said, “**Let** Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the **earth.**” ²⁷ God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. ²⁸ God blessed them; and God said to them, “**Be** fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the **earth.**”

Sub-Point 1: God had a conversation with Himself when He chose to create human life

Sub-Point 2: God gave man the ability to create human life.