

*The Speaking God  
Desiring That Man Speak for Him*

Scripture Reading: Heb. 1:1-3; John 1:1, 14, 18; Gen. 1:26-28

- Day 1*
- I. The Bible first reveals God, and second it reveals God's word; thus, in the Bible we first have God, and then we have God's speaking, the word that proceeds out of His mouth (Gen. 1:3; Heb. 1:1-2a; Matt. 4:4):
    - A. The center of reality in the universe is God, and the expression of God is the word; all the elements of God are in His word (Gen. 1:1, 3; John 1:1).
    - B. If God had not spoken anything, it would have been impossible for the universe to come into existence; our existence depends on God's speaking (Hab. 1:1-3; 2 Pet. 3:5; Psa. 33:6, 9; Gen. 1:26).
    - C. Our being saved and our receiving the eternal life are altogether dependent on God's speaking (1 Pet. 1:23, 25; John 5:24).
    - D. God has revealed Himself in His speaking; God is the revealed God because He has revealed Himself by speaking (Heb. 1:1-2a).
    - E. The Word of God is God Himself for God and the Word are one; whenever we come to the Bible as the Word of God, we should come to God (John 1:1; 5:39-40; 2 Tim. 3:16).
  - II. In the Godhead Christ is the Word (John 1:1):
    - A. Christ as the Word defines, explains, and expresses God; hence, Christ, as the Word, is the definition, explanation, and expression of God (v. 18).
    - B. This Word is actually God Himself, not God hidden, concealed, and mysterious but God defined, explained, and expressed (vv. 1, 14, 18).
    - C. The fact that the Word is the entire God means that the Word is for the speaking of the Triune God; the Word became incarnate as a man, and that man, Jesus Christ, was God's Word, God's speaking (vv. 1, 14; 6:63).

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III. In His New Testament economy, the speaking God speaks in the Son (Heb. 1:1-2a):

- A. Today God does not speak to us in many portions or in many ways—God speaks to us in one person, the Son; God is now speaking in the Son, who is the Word of God (v. 2a; John 1:1, 14, 18).
- B. The speaking Son, who is the Word of God and the speaking of God, is the Spirit (6:63; 1 Cor. 15:45b; 2 Cor. 3:17a):
  1. Whenever the Son speaks, He is the speaking Spirit (Rev. 2:1, 7a).
  2. God speaks in the Son, the Son as the speaking Spirit speaks to the churches, and ultimately the Spirit speaks with the church (22:17).
- C. The Son upholds and bears all things by the word of His power; when He speaks, everything is in order (Heb. 1:3).
- D. Today the Son of God is no longer merely an individual; He is a corporate, universal man, the Body of Christ; for this reason, all the members of the Body can speak the word of God (1 Cor. 12:12; Eph. 5:30):
  1. God today continues to speak in His Son, who has been enlarged to become a corporate man, the Body of Christ (1 Cor. 12:12; Eph. 2:15; John 17:20).
  2. We are all members of the Body of Christ; God's Son; thus, when we speak, God is speaking in the Son (1 Cor. 12:12, 27; 2 Cor. 4:13; 5:20).
  3. As the firstborn Son of God being the Word of God is God's oracle for the speaking and dispensing of God to carry out His eternal economy, so the many sons of God being members of the Word of God are God's oracle speaking and

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dispensing God for the spreading of God and the increase of Christ (John 1:1; Rom. 8:29; Heb. 2:10):

- a. The firstborn Son is the oracle of God, and we are the many sons; this means that all the sons are God's oracle so that God may have a spread and that Christ may have an increase (Acts 8:4; John 3:30, 34).
- b. Our speaking for God is for the fruit-bearing of God's multiplication and spreading (15:5).

**IV. The speaking God desires that man speak for Him (Gen. 1:26):**

A. God created man in His image so that man would express Him by speaking for Him (v. 26; 2:19-20):

1. When God created man, the first marvelous thing was that He created a spirit within man, and the second was that man was given the ability to speak (vv. 7, 19-20).
  2. God created man in His image, and the most important aspect of God's image is that God speaks (1:26-27):
    - a. Since God is a speaking God, when He created man in His image, He created man with the ability to speak (1 Cor. 2:13; 1 Thes. 2:2, 4).
    - b. God created us not only to be like Him in having love, light, holiness, and righteousness but also in being able to speak (Gen. 1:26-27).
    - c. Man's ability to speak is a manifestation of his likeness to God (v. 26a).
  3. God wants man to speak His word for His expression; God desires that we express Him mainly through our speaking for Him (2 Pet. 2:5; 1 Cor. 12:3).
- B. God created man to represent Him by speaking for Him (Gen. 1:26, 28):
1. The most important requirement of a representative is that he must be able to speak; we

can represent God because we are able to speak as God speaks (2 Cor. 5:19-20).

2. A representative should speak the words of the one he represents; as God's representatives, we represent God by speaking His words (John 7:16-18; 12:49-50; Acts 4:29, 31; 13:44, 48-49; 1 Thes. 2:13).
- C. In order to speak for God, we need to have the full knowledge of the word of God, knowing the major items related to the word of God (1 Tim. 1:4; John 1:1; 6:63; Eph. 6:18; Psa. 119:105; Matt. 4:4; 13:3; 1 Pet. 1:23; Dent. 32:2; Heb. 4:12; Jer. 23:29).

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Help. By faith we understand that the universe has been framed by the word of God, so that what is seen has not come into being out of things which appear.

Matt. 4:4 But He answered and said, It is written, "Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that proceeds out through the mouth of God."

The Bible first reveals God (Gen. 1:1). The whole universe is a mystery; and the center of this mystery is God. God created the heavens and the earth. Without God nothing would exist.

The second thing the Bible shows us is God's speaking; God's word. Hebrews 1:1-2a says, "God, having spoken of old in many portions and in many ways to the fathers in the prophets, has at the last of these days spoken to us in the Son." Thus, in the Bible we first have God, and then we have God's speaking, the word that proceeds out of His mouth. (*Life Study of Proverbs*, p. 39)

*Today's Reading*

All intellectuals acknowledge that human society is a mystery; that the universe is also a mystery; and that in this mystery there is a center of reality, which is God. The expression of this God is the word; all the elements of this God are in His word. Where there is God, there is the word. Where there is no God, there is no word.

We all acknowledge that God's creation of the universe was a great act. Yet this great act was accomplished by speaking. Genesis 1:3 says, "And God said, Let there be light; and there was light." Whatever God spoke came into existence. Therefore, in the Psalms the psalmist praised God, saying, "For He spoke, and it was; / He commanded, and it stood" (33:9). If God had not spoken anything, then it would have been impossible for the universe to come into existence. Even our existence depends to a great extent on God's speaking. The Lord Jesus said, "He who hears My word and believes... has eternal life" (John 5:24). Our being saved and our receiving the eternal life are altogether dependent upon the Lord's word. (*Speaking for God*, pp. 31, 35)

The book of Hebrews begins with God speaking. The divine

speaking is the opening point of this book. God has spoken! Praise Him! It is absolutely not a small thing that God has spoken. Without speaking God is mysterious. But He has revealed Himself in His speaking. He is no longer mysterious. Now He is the revealed God.

We need to consider this matter of God's speaking. If there were a God in the universe, what would be the first thing that He would do? Certainly, before doing anything else, He would speak. If God is living, He must certainly speak. If He is real, His speaking testifies His reality. If He is moving, He will move by speaking. If He is working, He will surely work by speaking. (*Life Study of Hebrews*, p. 17)

As the unique source, God is the Word. "In the beginning was the Word... and the Word was God" (John 1:1). Have you ever realized that the greatest wonder in the universe is the Word of God? Creation, redemption, regeneration, sanctification, and transformation all take place by the Word. If God had been silent—that is, if there had been no Word—there could have been no creation. Creation came about through God's speaking. When God spoke, all the items of creation came into being. How marvelous that our God is a speaking God! This speaking God is the Word. Regarding this, John 1:1 is a strategic verse, for this verse declares that the Word was God. (*The Secret of Experiencing Christ*, pp. 106-107)

In the Bible there is such a verse which says, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God" (John 1:1). This is a great verse showing us that the Word and God are one. The Word is God, and God is the Word. Likewise, we can say that man is the word, and the word is man. Before this we might have never thought of ourselves as being the word. Although many animals can make certain vocal sounds, they cannot speak and do not have words. Only man has words; hence, man is the word. If someone wants to know what I am thinking within, he has to know it through my words. Therefore, when we come to the Bible, we come to God, because the Bible as the Word is God Himself. (*Speaking for God*, p. 34)

*Further Reading: Speaking for God*, ch. 2, *Life Messages*, vol. 1, ch. 24

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*Morning Nourishment*

John, in the beginning was the Word, and the Word was 1:1 with God, and the Word was God.

14 ...The Word became flesh and tabernacled among us...

18 No one has ever seen God; the only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him.

In the Godhead Christ is the Word. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God" (John 1:1). The Word is the definition, explanation, and expression of God; hence, the Word is God defined, explained, and expressed. God is mysterious. He needs the Word to express Him. Christ, as the Word, defines, explains, and expresses Him. Therefore, Christ, as the Word, is the definition, explanation, and expression of God. This Word is actually God Himself, not God hidden, concealed, and mysterious, but God defined, explained, and expressed (*The Conclusion of the New Testament*, p. 235)

*Today's Reading*

The Word is eternal; that is, the Word is self-existing, without beginning. This is contrary to the heretical teaching that says the Word, the *Logos*, was created by God. According to the revelation in John's Gospel, the Word was not created. John 1:1 says that the Word was in the beginning. This reveals that the Word is eternal. This eternal Word is a living person, Christ, the Son of the living God (Rev. 19:13). Such a Word signifies the mysterious and invisible God defined and expressed.

This Word as the definition of the Triune God is for God's speaking. The fact that this Word is the entire God means that it is for the speaking of the Triune God. This Word became incarnate as a man, and that man was God's speaking. This means that the man Jesus Christ was God's Word, God's speaking. He spoke God not only with clear words but also with what He was and what He did. He is altogether the Word of God and the speaking of God. Sometimes He spoke with words, and at other times He spoke with actions. All that He was and all that He did spoke God.

John 1:14 says not only that the Word became flesh but also that

the Word tabernacled among us... in order to declare God, express God, explain God, and define God in many practical ways. The incarnate Word is the speaking, the expression, and the definition of God. As the Word, Christ is the defined God, the explained, expressed, and revealed God, the God made known to human beings.

Christ is the expression of the Father. As the Son He is the issue, the coming out, of God, and He is also the expression of the Father. Because the Son expressed the Father, the Son is the expression of the Father.

Christ's being the Word is mainly to express God the Father by declaring, defining, and revealing Him (John 1:18). The more the Son speaks, the more God the Father is expressed.

In the Old Testament God spoke in the prophets, in men moved by His Spirit (Heb. 1:1; 2 Pet. 1:21). In the New Testament He speaks in the Son, who is God Himself expressed (Heb. 1:2-3). God the Father is hidden; God the Son is expressed. No one has ever seen God, but the Son as the Word of God, as the speaking of God, has declared and expressed Him. Whereas God spoke through the prophets in the Old Testament, He did not have Himself expressed. But in the New Testament God speaks in the Son, who expresses Him. Formerly God spoke through the prophets indirectly, but now He speaks directly in the Son, that is, in the One who is the expression of the Father. (*The Conclusion of the New Testament*, pp. 235-236)

Christ is the Word of God (John 1:1; Rev. 19:13) and the speaking of God (Heb. 1:2a). When He was on earth speaking for God and teaching people, His teaching was not His own but was according to what the Father had taught Him (John 7:16; 8:28b). He did not speak from Himself, as the Father spoke to Him, so He spoke (12:49-50). Today He is in us still speaking for God to reveal God and speaking God into people. (*Truth Lessons—Level Three*, vol. 2, p. 122)

*Further Reading:* Life-study of Hebrews, msg. 2; Crystallization-study of the Gospel of John, msg. 2

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### Morning Nourishment

Heb. God, having spoken of old in many portions and in 1:1-3 many ways to the fathers in the prophets, has at the last of these days spoken to us in the Son... who, being the effulgence of His glory and the impress of His substance and upholding and bearing all things by the word of His power, having made purification of sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high.

Without God, the universe is a tragedy and without the speaking of God, we would be in misery. But, hallelujah, we have God, and we have God's speaking.

God has spoken, and today God still speaks. There are many matters in God's speaking. For instance, Hebrews 1:1-2 says, "God, having spoken of old in many portions and in many ways to the fathers in the prophets, has at the last of these days spoken to us in the Son, whom He appointed Heir of all things, through whom also He made the universe." Today God speaks to us in the Son. He does not speak to us in many portions or in many ways, or through the prophets, but in the Son. He speaks to us in one person, the Son. (*The Apostles' Teaching*, p. 9)

### Today's Reading

A literal rendering of the Greek would read, "God... has... spoken to us in Son." Darby had a marvelous realization. He said that since there is no article, it must mean that God speaks in the person of the Son. There is only one God (Isa. 45:5; 1 Cor. 8:4), and the name of our God is the Father, the Son, and the Spirit (Matt. 28:19). This is similar to the practice in many societies of naming one person with three names; first, middle, and last. This is quite meaningful. M. R. Vincent indicated in his writing that a name always denotes a person. Thus, God's speaking "in Son" means that God speaks in the person of the Son. (*The Apostles' Teaching*, p. 10)

Whenever the Son speaks, He is the Spirit. The speaking Son is the Spirit. The Son of God is the Word. When the Word voices, it becomes the Spirit. This is proved by the seven epistles in Revelation 2 and 3. At the beginning of each epistle, it says that the Lord

is speaking, but at the end it says that we should hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches. This proves that whenever the Lord Jesus speaks, He is the speaking Spirit. Whenever the Son is speaking, it is the Spirit speaking. If you consider the seven comparisons in Revelation 2 and 3, you will see that whatever the Son speaks is the speaking of the Spirit (Rev. 2:1 cf. 7:2-8 cf. 11:2-12 cf. 17:2-18 cf. 29:3:1 cf. 6:3:7 cf. 13:3:14 cf. 22). We have the Son who is the Word of God. He is not only the Word of God but also the speaking of God. Whenever He speaks, He is the speaking Spirit. "The words which I have spoken to you are spirit and are life" (John 6:63).

Today the Son as the speaking Spirit is speaking with the churches. He not only speaks to the churches but also with the churches. Revelation 22:17 says, "And the Spirit and the bride say, Come!" At the beginning of the book of Revelation it is the Spirit speaking to the churches, but at the end of Revelation it is the Spirit speaking with the churches because the speaking Spirit and the church have become one. Hallelujah! This is God's speaking. (*Life-study of Hebrews*, p. 289)

The Greek word for *word* in Hebrews 1:3] denotes the instant word. The Son upholds and bears all things not by His work but by His instant word, the word of His power. In creation all things came into being through Him as the Word (John 1:1-3). The universe has been framed by the word of God (Heb. 11:3): "He spoke, and it was; He commanded, and it stood" (Psa. 33:9). In salvation we are saved through His word (John 5:24; Rom. 10:8, 17). It is through His word that His authority with power is exercised (Matt. 8:8-9). It is by His word that His healing power is realized (John 4:50-51). Here, this book says that God speaks in the Son and the Son upholds and bears all things by His word. It is altogether a matter of speaking. When the Lord speaks, everything is in order. (Heb. 1:3, footnote 2)

Further Reading: *Life-study of Hebrews*, msg. 3, *The Apostles' Teaching*, ch. 1

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**John For He whom God has sent speaks the words of God, 3:34 for He gives the Spirit not by measure.**

**2 Cor. And having the same spirit of faith according to that 4:13 which is written, "I believed, therefore I spoke," we also believe, therefore we also speak.**

Before His crucifixion and resurrection, the Lord Jesus was restricted by the flesh. It was not possible for Him to be universal. But through death and resurrection He was enlarged from an individual to a corporate man. On the day of Pentecost Christ came down as the all-inclusive Spirit upon His disciples to make them members of His Body. This Body, a corporate man, includes the resurrected Christ as the Head and the millions of believers in Christ as the members. Now, just as my whole body speaks whenever I speak, so the Body of Christ speaks whenever Christ speaks as the Head. Today the Son of God is no longer merely an individual; He is a corporate, universal man. For this reason, all the members of the Body can speak the word of God. Even young people can go to their parents or classmates and speak to them on God's behalf. (*Life-study of Colossians*, p. 568)

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We all were saved through the hearing of God's word. When I was saved in China more than fifty years ago, God Himself did not come to speak to me directly. Rather, I heard God's word through a member of His Body. This is one example of the fact that God today continues to speak in His Son who has been enlarged to become a corporate man, the Body of Christ. How wonderful that we all are part of the enlargement of Christ, part of a universal man of which Christ is the Head and we are the members! (*Life-study of Colossians*, pp. 568-569)

As the firstborn Son of God being the Word of God (John 1:1) is God's oracle for the speaking and dispensing of God to carry out His eternal economy, so the many sons of God being members of the Word of God are God's oracle speaking and dispensing God for the spreading of God and the increase of Christ. The firstborn Son

of God is the oracle of God, and we are the many sons. This means that all the sons are God's oracle so that God may have a spread and Christ may have an increase.

The constituents of the vital groups are also the prophets of God (1 Cor. 14:1, 31). Since all the sons of God are God's oracle, they become God's prophets, the ones who speak God, speak for God, and speak forth God. A prophet is a speaking one. The Greek word for *prophecy* means to speak for or speak forth.

We are the members of Christ, constituting an organism for His increase through His multiplication (Rom. 12:5; John 15:5). Because we are Christ's members, we are a part of Him. We are members of Christ, not individualistically, but corporately... Christ must be multiplied so that He can have an increase. In John 3 the bride is the increase of the Bridegroom (vv. 29-30), just as Eve was the increase of Adam.

We are His brothers participating with Him in the divine sonship with the divine right to express God mainly through speaking for the dispensing of God through His oracle (Rom. 8:29; Heb. 1:2). The Lord Jesus was with the disciples for three and a half years, but He never called them His brothers until after His resurrection. When He resurrected, He told Mary, "Go to My brothers and say to them, I ascend to My Father and your Father, and My God and your God" (John 20:17). Through regeneration in resurrection, we all became His brothers (1 Pet. 1:3). His resurrection was a great delivery of Himself as the firstborn Son of God and of us as His many brothers, the many sons of God. We are His brothers, sharing in His divine sonship.

In God's oracle we become the prophets of God speaking God, speaking for God, and speaking forth God (1 Cor. 14:1, 31).

Our speaking for God is for the fruit-bearing of God's multiplication and spreading (John 15:5). A tree multiplies and spreads by bearing fruit. (*The Vital Groups*, pp. 28, 37-38)

*Further Reading: Life-study of Colossians*, msg. 64; *The Vital Groups*, msgs. 3-4

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1 Cor. ... We speak, not in words taught by human wisdom  
2:13 but in words taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiri-  
tual things with spiritual words.

1 Thes. But even as we have been approved by God to be en-  
2:4 trusted with the gospel, so we speak, not as pleasing  
men but God, who proves our hearts.

God is a speaking God. He created the universe and continues to do all things through His speaking. Therefore, everyone who has been saved and who has His life should learn to speak for Him and to speak His word.

The greatest mystery in the universe is God... This mystery is opened and revealed to us in His Word. Hebrews 1 tells us that our God is a speaking God (vv. 1-2). The speaking of the human race came from His creation. He is a speaking God, and He is also the Word (*Speaking for God*, p. 41)

*Today's Reading*

God's desire... is that man speak for Him. This matter sounds easy to understand, but it contains a biblical mystery. God shows us clearly in the Bible that His purpose in creating man was that man might speak for Him. Genesis 1:26 says, "God said, Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness." This was spoken during a council of the Divine Trinity to determine how to create man. The result was that God made man in His image.

Another special matter in God's creation of man is that since God is a speaking God, when He created man in His image, He created man with the ability to speak just like Himself. Because God is a God of love, light, holiness, and righteousness, He created man with love, light, holiness and righteousness. Because God is a speaking God, He created man to be... able to speak.

Inwardly in our image we are like God, having love, light, holiness, and righteousness. Outwardly, God is a speaking God, and like Him, we also are able to speak. Among God's creatures, there are only two kinds that can speak. One kind consists of the angels in heaven. Angels do speak. Before the Lord Jesus was born, an

angel came to reveal His name to Joseph (Matt. 1:20-21). Charles Wesley wrote a hymn: "Hark! the herald angels sing, / 'Glory to the new-born King'" (*Hymns*, #84). Therefore, it was an angel who spoke first, and it was an angel who announced the good news first (Luke 2:10); thereafter, we must preach the gospel.

We have already pointed out that God created man with two outstanding features: one is that He created a spirit within man, and the other is that He created a speaking organ for man.

The purpose of God in creating man in His image was that man might express Him. In which points does man express Him? First, man expresses Him in speaking. There are some Christians today who believe that we can express God by our behavior alone and without speaking. In other words, they say that if we have a good testimony and a proper living with good behavior, we will be able to express God in the presence of men. This is not wrong, and this has its place, but we cannot avoid the matter of speaking for God. Speaking cannot be replaced; speaking is the real expression. Suppose there is a preacher who dresses himself tidily and properly and has his hair combed neatly, and when he stands on the podium, he is gentle and courteous, giving people the feeling that he really behaves well. However, if he would stand there for two hours, staring at the congregation with a smile but without saying a word, the congregation would not be satisfied, and he would not be able to express God. Therefore, when we express God, we need to have a proper living, but even more we need to speak forth clear words.

God wants us to express Him mainly through our speaking for Him. In the time of Noah when the whole earth was corrupted, God came and called Noah to be a herald of righteousness (2 Pet. 2:5), and Noah then preached the righteous words of God for one hundred and twenty years. Today we should speak for God in the same way. (*Speaking for God*, pp. 41-45, 54-55)

*Further Reading: The Practice of the Church, Life according to the God-ordained Way*, ch. 4; *Life-study of 1 Corinthians*, msg. 57

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John ... I have not spoken from Myself; but the Father who sent Me, He Himself has given Me commandment, what to say and what to speak. And I know that His commandment is eternal life. The things therefore that I speak, even as the Father has said to Me, so I speak.

God is a speaking God, and when He created us, He wanted us also to speak... According to Genesis 1:26, God created us not only that we might have His image but even more that we might rule for Him. Therefore, He gave us the authority to have dominion over all the other creatures; that is, "over the fish of the sea and over the birds of heaven and over the cattle and over all the earth."

Human beings are able to speak... because we are God's representatives. He created us that we might represent Him. The most important requirement of a representative is that he must be able to speak. If today someone sends a representative to us, yet this representative, being dumb, is not able to talk, then in the end no agreement can be reached since there is no possibility of having any discussion. This kind of representative is a useless representative. Today we can represent God because we can speak. (*Speaking for God*, pp. 44-45)

### Today's Reading

We need to know what kinds of words God wanted man to speak when He created man with the ability to speak. Did He want man merely to speak the words of man? God created man to represent Him. A representative should speak the words of the one he represents. As God's representatives, we must speak God's words. We have to speak for God and speak for God; this God is the word.

Since we all have been begotten of God, within us we ought to have the "God language"; whatever we speak, we speak God. In America there are people of different colors: white, red, yellow, brown, and black. Among these races, the different Asian peoples are difficult to distinguish outwardly. For example, the Chinese and the Koreans look very much alike... How then does one tell the

difference? It is by listening to their speech. Once they begin to talk, we know then that this one is Chinese and that one is Korean. ... We speak the words of the one of whom we were born. Since we were born of God, naturally we speak God's words. Since God's word is God Himself, when we speak God's word, we speak God.

Although we became fallen, once we are regenerated and our spirit is made alive, we are doubly able to speak for God, even more able than Adam. Adam was only created, not regenerated. Although we were created and became fallen, we have been regenerated and saved. John 1:12-13 says, "But as many as received Him, to them He gave the authority to become children of God, to those who believe into His name, who were begotten not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God." Since we have been begotten of God, we can speak the word of God. If a child is born of us and is not dumb, it is impossible for him to be unable to speak human words. Therefore, we all need to be encouraged to speak the word of God after our regeneration.

How do we speak for God? To speak for God, we need to have the full knowledge of the word of God (1 Tim. 2:4). Today the main reason that Christians cannot speak for God is that they do not understand the word of God. Therefore, we need to learn to understand the word of God; then we will be able to speak for God.

For us to live a normal life today, we must be in the word of God. ... For the church to be strong and normal, built up, spiritual, and mature in life, we must speak the word of God. What we need today is our God, who is the word. This word is in the Holy Scriptures. We must receive the word and speak the word. Thus, the word of God as Christ, as the Spirit, as life, as light, as food, as the seed, as the rain, as the dew, as a sword, and as a hammer will be manifested as a reality upon us. The word of God can do innumerable things; everything hinges on God's word. Hence, we must do all we can to read the Word of God. (*Speaking for God*, pp. 47-48, 55-56, 39)

Further Reading: *Speaking for God*, ch. 3; *The Ministry of God's*

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