



A BETTER WORD

FROM OLD TO NEW TO YOU

8 Themes That Run Through the Whole Bible | with Pastor Nick Gatzke

The Word of God

Psalm 119:97, 105; John 1:1, 14; Hebrews 4:12; 2 Timothy 3:16–17

THE BIG IDEA

God's Word is his primary means of revealing himself to us — and if you want to know God, know his love, and live the life he designed for you, you must listen to, follow, and obey his Word.

SERMON SUMMARY

From the very beginning, God has spoken. In the Old Testament he revealed himself through theophanies, dreams, prophets, and written Scripture — not because he was required to, but because he chose to make himself known to his people. His word is authoritative because of who he is; it is eternal and unchanging (Psalm 119:89). Loving God is inseparable from loving his word: “Oh, how I love your law! It is my meditation all the day” (Psalm 119:97). In the Old Testament, knowing God and following his word were the same pursuit.

In the New Testament, God's self-revelation reaches its fullest expression: the Word becomes flesh. John 1:1, 14 tells us that the Word who was with God in the beginning became the Lord Jesus Christ — the ultimate, embodied revelation of who God is. Today that same Word speaks through the Bible, inspired by the Holy Spirit (2 Timothy 3:16–17), living and active (Hebrews 4:12), and sufficient for everything you need for life and godliness. God is not hidden. He is not silent. The question is what voice you will allow to direct your path.

DIGGING DEEPER

1. The sermon notes that God didn't have to reveal himself to us — but he chose to. What does God's choice to speak through theophanies, dreams, prophets, and Scripture reveal about his character and his desire toward his people? How does this reality change the way you approach reading the Bible?
2. Psalm 119 contains 176 verses about God's Word. The psalmist calls it his delight, his counselor, his meditation, his heritage, and his joy (vv. 24, 97, 111, 159). What does this kind of relationship with Scripture look like in practice? Is this how you would describe your own relationship with the Bible right now?
3. John 1:1, 14 says the Word who was with God became flesh in Jesus. What does it mean that Jesus is the living Word of God — the ultimate self-revelation of the Father? How does this give you a new lens for reading both the Old and New Testament?
4. The sermon described an age of competing voices — social media, echo chambers, eroded institutional trust — that make it increasingly difficult to know which voice to follow. What specific voices tend to crowd out God's in your life? Which do you find yourself trusting more than Scripture, and why?

5. 2 Timothy 3:16–17 says Scripture is “profitable for teaching, reproof, correction, and training in righteousness.” In which of these four areas — learning truth, being corrected, having errors confronted, or growing in holiness — do you most need the Word to work in you right now?
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LIVING IT OUT

God is not hidden. He has spoken — through creation, through the prophets, through his Son, through the pages of Scripture. The question is not whether he speaks. The question is whether you are listening, following, and obeying. What voice will direct your path?

Heart Check: What is the actual role of God’s Word in your day-to-day life right now — not what you wish it was, but what it actually is? Is it a daily encounter, an occasional resource, or a distant aspiration? What one concrete step could you take this week to move toward a deeper engagement with Scripture?

This Week: Commit to reading one section of Psalm 119 each day this week. As you read, mark every phrase that describes what God’s Word does or is in the psalmist’s life. At the end of the week, review your list and let it become a prayer of praise to the God who speaks.

REFLECTION & PRAYER

“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.”

— Psalm 119:105

Thank God that he is not silent — that he has chosen to speak to you through Scripture and through his Son. Confess any ways you’ve been letting other voices take priority over his. Ask him to give you a deep love for his word, and the willingness to follow wherever it leads.

Your Prayer:

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