

A Better Word

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God is not silent; He is communicative. The opening verses of the Old Testament tell us that God speaks (Genesis 1:3), and the opening verses of the New Testament refer to Jesus with communicative language by referring to Him as “the Word” (John 1:1). “A Better Word” reminds us that our God is a God who is not silent but speaks powerfully, personally, and truthfully.

God speaks powerfully.

God is powerful, and His words carry the weight of His strength. When God speaks, things change. Think about creation. When God spoke, the universe came into being: “And God said, ‘Let there be light,’ and there was light” (Genesis 1:3).

Not only did God speak and nothing turned into something, but when God speaks, dead things come to life. We see this in the ministry of Jesus: “When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, ‘Lazarus, come out.’ The man who had died came out ...” (John 11:43).

“A Better Word” exalts God because of His powerful Word in creation: *“When You speak, mountains take their root in the sea.”* And it celebrates that God speaks powerfully in bringing dead things to life: *“When You breathe, the wind of heaven stirs up what’s dead”* (Ezekiel 37:6).

If God’s Word is powerful and effectual enough to change darkness to light and death to life, His Word is certainly powerful enough to forgive our sin, remove our shame, and change our lives.

God speaks personally.

God does not just speak generally, but personally. He speaks to both populations and to people. So if we are in Christ, then we can joyfully sing that we belong, that we are chosen, that we are free, and that we are forgiven:

- We belong to Him: “... you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ ...” (Romans 1:6).
- We are chosen by Him: “... he chose us in him before the foundation of the world ...” (Ephesians 1:4).
- We are free in Him: “... if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed” (John 8:36).
- We are forgiven by Him: “In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses ...” (Ephesians 1:7).

And we are the subject of our God’s song: “The Lord your God is in your midst ... he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing” (Zephaniah 3:17).



God speaks truthfully.

God is truth; therefore, everything that He says is true. Jesus Himself prayed, “Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth” (John 17:17). The apostle Paul taught that “All Scripture is breathed out by God...” (2 Timothy 3:16).

If everything that God says is true, then we can believe Him. We can take Him at His Word. And His Word is surely a better word.

