

God Speaks, Are You Listening?
Matthew 4:4 and Various Passages
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It is God's Word. God is not silent. He has spoken. And He continues to speak to us through His Word. And what He has said has been recorded-more specifically, it has been put in written form. There is no such thing as an interstellar storm that can block out God's Word. There is no technology that can eradicate it. It is here, it is truth, and it is unassailable!

Isaiah 40:8 (NASB95)

The grass withers, the flower fades, But the word of our God stands forever.

What do I want for you in this new year? With so many uncertainties, so many unpredictable scenarios, so much fear, so many troubling news reports, I want you to feed on, delight in, learn from, grow by, stand upon the unchanging, everlasting, life-transforming, Word of God. Why is this so vital? To truly know God, we must know his Word.

God is a person-he is not a force.
God is moral-he cares about good and evil.
God is the source of all life and being.
God is the God and Father of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

As Jesus was beginning His ministry, right after His baptism, the Father spoke and affirmed His Son saying:

Matthew 3:17b (NASB95)

"This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well-pleased."

Matthew 4:4b (NASB95)

"It is written, 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.'
" "It is written" are the very first words out of Jesus' mouth as he begins his ministry.

God has spoken, and what he has said has been recorded.

How do we truly live?

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but on every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.

Proverbs 30:5 (NASB95)

Every word of God is tested; He is a shield to those who take refuge in Him.

Psalms 12:6 (NASB95)

6 The words of the Lord are pure words; As silver tried in a furnace on the earth, refined seven times.

God's Word is pure, trustworthy, and each and every word is the word God purposed.

This, however raises the question:
How can I be sure the words I have in my bible are the very words of God?

1 Thessalonians 2:7 (NASB95)

But we proved to be gentle among you, as a nursing mother tenderly cares for her own children.

1 Thessalonians 2:7 (NIV)

7 Instead, we were like young children among you. Just as a nursing mother cares for her children...

God has spoken, and his Word has been preserved!

Matthew 24:35 (NASB95)

“Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away.

God has spoken, and he invites you to live by his Word.

Matthew 4:4 (NASB95)

4 But He answered and said, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.’ ”

Trust God’s Word more than your own feelings.

Trust God’s Word in these confusing times.

Trust what God’s Word says about your relationship with Him.