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Scripture Reading: John 12:44-50

A. All that is written in the Bible is accurate and true.

*For the **word of God** is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, **piercing to the division of soul and of spirit**, of joints and of marrow, and **discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart** (Hebrews 4:12).*

B. God’s spoken words require attention.

<sup>11</sup> *And **you came near** and stood at the foot of the mountain, while the mountain burned with fire to the heart of heaven, wrapped in darkness, cloud, and gloom. <sup>12</sup> Then **the LORD spoke to you** out of the midst of the fire. **You heard the sound of words, but saw no form; there was only a voice.** <sup>13</sup> And **he declared to you his covenant...** (Deuteronomy 4:11–13a).*

<sup>24</sup> *And you said, ‘Behold, the LORD our God has shown us his glory and greatness, and **we have heard his voice** out of the midst of the fire. This day **we have seen God speak with man**, and man still live. <sup>25</sup> Now therefore why should we die? For this great fire will consume us. **If we hear the voice of the LORD our God any more, we shall die.** <sup>26</sup> For who is there of all flesh, that has **heard the voice of the living God** speaking out of the midst of fire as we have, **and has still lived?** <sup>27</sup> Go near and hear all that the LORD our God will say, and speak to us all that the LORD our God will speak to you, and we will hear and do it.’ <sup>28</sup> “And the LORD heard your words, when you spoke to me. And the LORD said to me, ‘I have heard the words of this people, which they have spoken to you. They are right in all that they have spoken. <sup>29</sup> **Oh that they had such a heart as this always, to fear me and to keep all my commandments, that it might go well with them and with their descendants forever!** (Deuteronomy 5:24–29).*

C. The prophets spoke only God’s words.

***You shall not add to the word that I command you, nor take from it**, that you may keep the commandments of the Lord your God that I command you (Deuteronomy 4:2).*

*But Balaam answered and said to the servants of Balak, “Though Balak were to give me his house full of silver and gold, **I could not go beyond the command of the LORD my God to do less or more**” (Numbers 22:18).*

And Jeremiah the prophet said to the prophet Hananiah, “Listen, Hananiah, **the Lord has not sent you, and you have made this people trust in a lie**” (Jeremiah 28:15).

- D. Not all that is said in the Bible is weighted the same.

<sup>15</sup> “The LORD your God will raise up for you **a prophet** like me from among you, from your brothers—**it is to him you shall listen**. <sup>18</sup> I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. **And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak** to them all that I command him. <sup>19</sup> And whoever will not **listen to my words** that **he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him** (Deuteronomy 18:15, 18–19).

<sup>1</sup> Long ago, at many times and in many ways, **God spoke to our fathers by the prophets**, <sup>2</sup> but in these last days **he has spoken to us by his Son**, whom he appointed the **heir of all things**, through whom also **he created the world**. <sup>3</sup> He is the radiance of the glory of God and the **exact imprint** of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, **he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high** (Hebrews 1:1–3).

Therefore, we must **pay much closer attention to what we have heard**, lest we drift away from it (Hebrews 2:1).

- E. The words spoken by God’s Son carry more weight.

He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “**This is my beloved Son**, with whom I am well pleased; **listen to him**” (Matthew 17:5).

<sup>49</sup> For I have **not spoken on my own authority**, but **the Father** who sent me **has himself given me a commandment**—what to say and what to speak. <sup>50</sup> And I know that his commandment is **eternal life**. What I say, therefore, **I say as the Father has told me**” (John 12:49–50).

The one who rejects me and does not receive my words has a judge; **the word that I have spoken will judge him on the last day** (John 12:48).

And Jesus came and said to them, “**All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me**” (Matthew 28:18).

Jesus said to him, “**I am the way, and the truth, and the life**. No one comes to the Father except through me” (John 14:6).

<sup>14</sup> I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup> just as **the Father knows me and I know the Father**; and I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup> And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and **they will listen to my voice**. So there will be one flock, one shepherd (John 10:14–16).

*Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever **hears my word** and **believes him** who sent **me has eternal life**. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life (John 5:24).*

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