

Feb 7th 2010: The Voice of God: The Creative Voice: Gen 1:1-27; Ps 33:6; 148:5; Heb 11:1-3

As I mentioned..... we begin a new series....as we will look at some of the passages **where** we discover God speaking in a very definite....deliberate.....**audible way**

Throughout the Bible God speaks through His people.....

...**and when** He took on flesh and lived amongst us.....**God the Son** spoke to us man to man

but as well as that....(and on several occasions).....God is recorded

...as speaking directly to individuals to groups.....to mankind as a whole.....

and **the impact** of what He says is life changing.

And nowhere is this more true...than with the **Words** God spoke when the universe was created

Turn....Genesis 1:1

IT is such an incredible verse.....**and is in fact**.....a foundational verse

IN THE BEGINNING GOD

IN THE BEGINNING GOD CREATED

Whether we like it or not.....

Bible believing Christians do have different opinions about **how God** created this world
And different ways of understanding the passage that follows

But there is one truth ...that everyone who makes their stand upon the Bible.....**must hold to**

And that is the truth this verse proclaims

That God was present before.....**at that He alone** created all things.

This is the major Truth that the Bible repeats again and again....in both the New and the Old

That God planned...beautifully and artistically designed and created this Universe....purpose in mind

Look at Isaiah 45:18

*For this is what the LORD says—
he who created the heavens,
he is God;
he who fashioned and made the earth,
he founded it;
he did not create it to be empty,
but formed it to be inhabited—
he says:
"I am the LORD,
and there is no other.*

Psalm 102:25-27

***In the beginning you laid the foundations of the earth,
and the heavens are the work of your hands.***

***²⁶ They will perish, but you remain;
they will all wear out like a garment.
Like clothing you will change them
and they will be discarded.***

***²⁷ But you remain the same,
and your years will never end.***

Then ..speaking of God the Son and His involvement in Creation.....**Col 1:15-17**

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. ¹⁶For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. ¹⁷He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

Then the verse that emphasizes the need for Faith.....over knowledge.....**HEB 11:3**

By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.

BUT as well as emphasizing God as the Creator.....**the** Scriptures in their unity also emphasize ...the other major truth about the way that God created

THAT HE SPOKE ALL THINGS INTO BEING,,,,,that with Words He created

Again and again in Genesis chapter 1 we read.....**that God said**.....and it happened

The immense power of a God who need only say a word.....for amazing things to happen
And it is this Truth.....→**the** ability God has to create by a Word.....that the Bible refers to again &

Psalm 33:6-9

***By the word of the LORD were the heavens made,
their starry host by the breath of his mouth.***

***⁷ He gathers the waters of the sea into jars ^[a] ;
he puts the deep into storehouses.***

***⁸ Let all the earth fear the LORD;
let all the people of the world revere him.***

***⁹ For he spoke, and it came to be;
he commanded, and it stood firm.***

And **then again in Psalm 148:5**

***Praise him, sun and moon,
praise him, all you shining stars.***

***⁴ Praise him, you highest heavens
and you waters above the skies.***

***⁵ Let them praise the name of the LORD,
for he commanded and they were created.***

***⁶ He set them in place for ever and ever;
he gave a decree that will never pass away.***

***⁷ Praise the LORD from the earth,
you great sea creatures and all ocean depths,***

**Also back in that verse from Hebrews 11 where we are told that:-
the universe was formed at God's command**

...and it is this quality of Almighty God that we see later on in the earthly ministry of **God** the Son

Jesus spoke the Word.....and the wind and the waves were immediately stilled
He said be healed.....and the disease fled.....**Come**and Lazarus....

Remember that occasion when the Centurion came to Jesus.....servant needed to be healed
How he said to Jesus in Matthew 8:8

***"Lord, I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. But just say the word,
and my servant will be healed.***

And the Lord God...Father...Son and HS.... still acts the same way.....
speaking Words into our hearts

That are able to transform darkness.....into light

Chaos into order

Grief and anguish.....into a mysterious sense of inner peace

His Word comes to us....in so many different ways

Through the Bible.....sermon.....An inner urging

**Or through a friend.....or a song...or as we sit and watch the power or serenity of nature unfolding
at a beach....or in a forest**

God speaks His Transforming Word.....and quietens our hearts....changes our lives

Back in Genesis 1 we are told that the earth was formless....empty...dark.....
before the Lord God spoke.....and changed everything

And it may well be....that such is how your life feels today

Cry out to Almighty God.....who by the power of His Word.....can change your life

It was in stages He worked...according to Gen 1....**And He** may well work in stages in your

Don't despair if it's not instant

The Fact is that the Lord still has powerful words....to speak into your heart today

Words that heal.....Words that give a new direction.....Words that strengthen....encourage

Give hope.....

So:::

As you sit therebow your head before the Almighty Creator.....**who** Himself took on humanity

He who knows the full extent of what troubles you today.....**He** knows the desires of your heart

And ask Him to speak His Word into your heart.....and then wait for Him to do so

It may not be instantaneous.....but it will come.....

You may be surprised how He will speak.....but He will

All He wants from you....is a willingness to hear...and the **desire** to be His and to rest in His love

Accepting His way for you....now and for ever.

