
Warring for the Word
Genesis 1:26-28; 2:15-18; 3:1-19

WE SERVE A GOD WHO SPEAKS

- God spoke to CREATE.
“God said” - 11 times in Genesis 1 & 2
Genesis 1:26 (NKJV)
²⁶Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”
- God spoke to CONFIRM HUMANITY’S AUTHORITY
Genesis 1:27–28 (NKJV)
*²⁷So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.
²⁸Then God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”*
- God spoke to CLARIFY HIS WORK
Genesis 2:15–17 (NKJV)
*¹⁵Then the LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it.
¹⁶And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, “Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat;
¹⁷but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”*
- God spoke about his COMPANION.
Genesis 2:18 (NKJV)
¹⁸And the LORD God said, “It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him.”

THE NEXT TIME GENESIS RECORDS SOMEONE SPEAKING IT IS THE ENEMY.
THE INITIAL WARFARE CONCERNED WHAT GOD SAID.
ADAM & EVE'S JOB WAS TO FOLLOW HIS VOICE.

Genesis 3:1–6 (NKJV)

¹Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden?'"

²And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden;

³but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.' "

⁴Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die.

⁵For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

⁶So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.

"The war is over the Word." – Pastor Bill Johnson

The enemy will do anything he can do to get you off course.

"You have to be careful about adding to God's word..." – Pastor Bill Johnson

Adam and Eve had to battle against the enemy over what they heard God say.

Beginning at Genesis 3:9 we will now understand WHY IT IS THAT GOD SPEAKS

- TO CALL THEM BACK TO HIMSELF

Genesis 3:9–10 (NKJV)

⁹Then the LORD God called to Adam and said to him, "Where are you?"

¹⁰So he said, "I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself."

No matter how far away you get, God's word can call you back.

- TO CONFRONT THEM OVER THEIR SIN

Genesis 3:11–13 (NKJV)

¹¹And He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?"

¹²Then the man said, "The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate."

¹³And the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

“God loves us enough to confront us...He is God and He can wait us out.” – Pastor Billy Johnson

- TO SHOW THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT FOLLOWING HIS VOICE

Genesis 3:16–19 (NKJV)

¹⁶To the woman He said: “I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception; In pain you shall bring forth children; Your desire shall be for your husband, And he shall rule over you.”

¹⁷Then to Adam He said, “Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, ‘You shall not eat of it’: “Cursed is the ground for your sake; In toil you shall eat of it All the days of your life.

¹⁸Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you, And you shall eat the herb of the field.

¹⁹In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread Till you return to the ground, For out of it you were taken; For dust you are, And to dust you shall return.”

“Don’t give up, or back down, from what God has spoken to you.” – Pastor Billy Johnson

WAR TO HEAR.

WAR FOR THE WORD!

“You are getting ready to see what you’ve been hearing.” – Pastor Billy Johnson