

Feb 7<sup>th</sup> 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.***

***<sup>26</sup> 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.***

***<sup>27</sup> 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. <sup>16</sup>For 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. <sup>17</sup>He 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 <sup>[a]</sup> ;  
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 anquish.....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 there .....bow 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.**

