

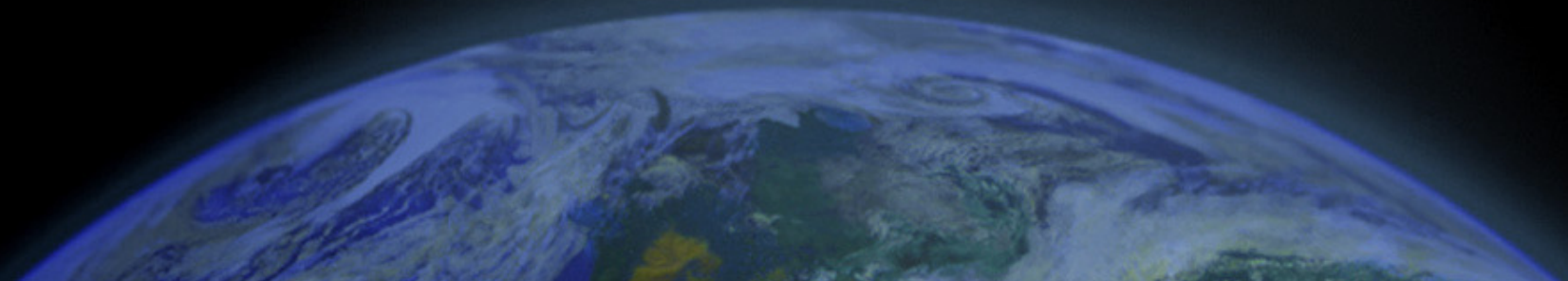
The Message

Pastor Ron Smith

He Opened His Mouth

Matthew 5:1-2

And seeing the multitudes, He went up on a mountain, and when He was seated His disciples came to Him. ²Then He opened His mouth and taught them.



Famine Times

“Behold, the days are coming,” says the Lord GOD,
“That I will send a famine on the land, Not a famine of
bread, Nor a thirst for water, But of hearing the words of
the LORD” (Amos 8:1).



God Sends Delusion?

For this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie (2 Thessalonians 2:11).



Isaiah's Mission to Make Their Ears Heavy

Go, and tell this people: “Keep on hearing, but do not understand; Keep on seeing, but do not perceive.”
Make the heart of this people dull, And their ears heavy, And shut their eyes; Lest they see with their eyes, And hear with their ears, And understand with their heart, And return and be healed” (Isaiah 6:9-10).



Jesus Is Called “The Word of God.”

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How Does God Speak to Men Today?

Creation declares His glory

Psalm 19



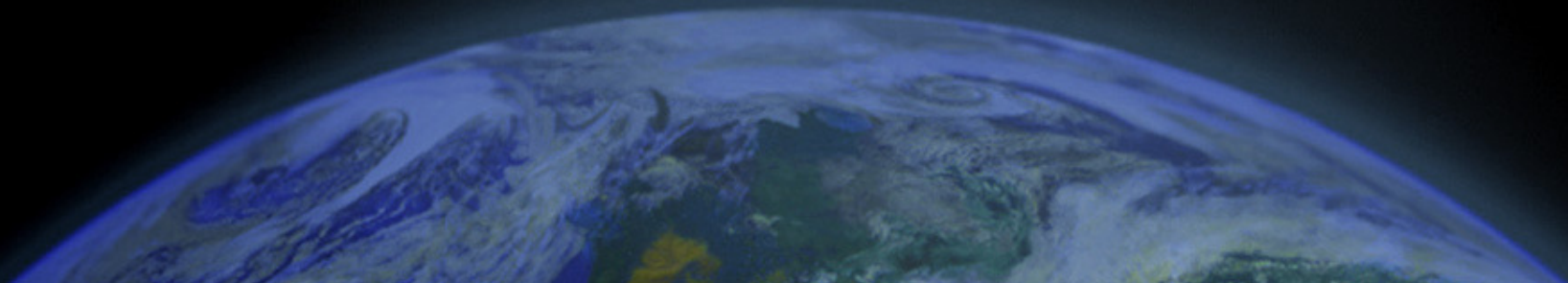
He Opened His Mouth and Spoke



The Main Way God Speaks Today Is Through His Church

He who hears you hears Me, he who rejects you rejects Me, and he who rejects Me rejects Him who sent Me (Luke 10:16).

If he refuses even to hear the church, let him be to you like a heathen and a tax collector” (Matthew 18:17).



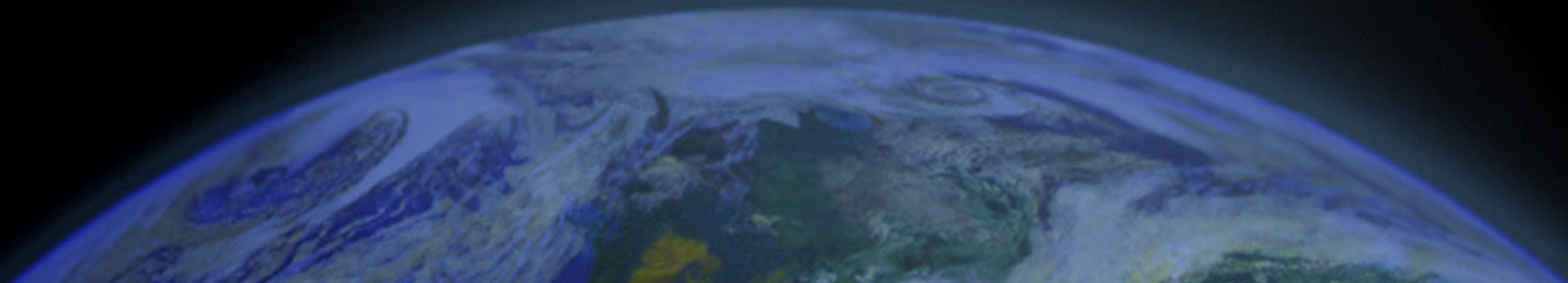
God Demands Humble Submission and Accountability

Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you (Hebrews 13:17).

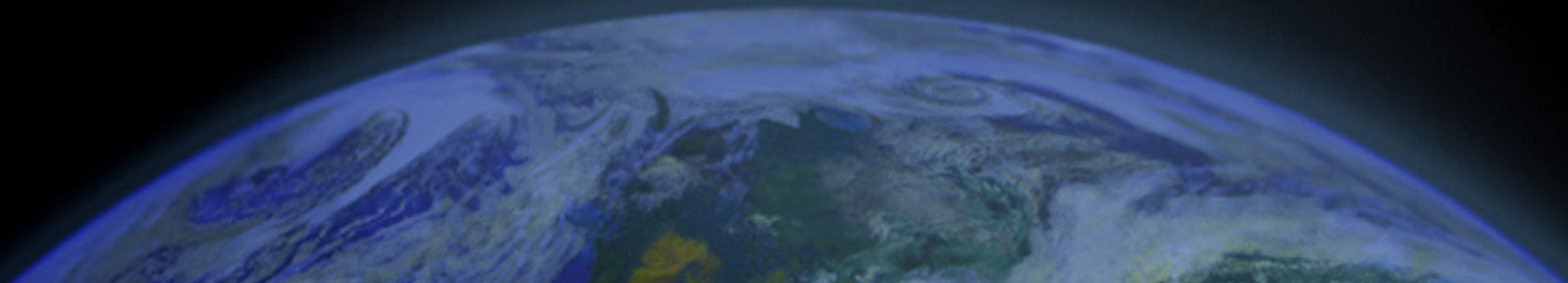


When He Was Seated His Disciples Came to Him

His disciples are His church
(ecclesia the called out ones)



**Don't Be a Spectator.
Be a Disciple.**



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