

"Them's Not Fightin' Words!"

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Sermon Outline Notes

Excuse yourself from any conversations that turn into foolish and uninformed debates because you know they only provoke fights. 2 Timothy 2:23 VOICE

God's Word was Spoken TO HELP US KNOW JESUS

And Not Written TO HELP US WIN THE ARGUMENT

You study the Scriptures diligently because you think that in them you have eternal life. These are the very Scriptures that testify about me, ⁴⁰ yet you refuse to come to me to have life. John 5:39-40

I. Revelation 1:1-3

¹ The revelation from Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show his servants what must soon take place. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John, ² who testifies to everything he saw—that is, the word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ. ³ Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it, because the time is near.

God Speaks <u>TO PROJECT EXPECTATION & ANNOUNCE</u> HOPE

We Respond BY PARTICIPATING WITH OUR WHOLE BEING

By faith, we see the world called into existence by God's word, what we see created by what we don't see. Hebrews 11:3 MSG

II. Revelation 1:4-6

⁴ John, To the seven churches in the province of Asia: Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus

Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶ and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father—to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.

God Speaks <u>IN A PERSONAL WAY THAT TOUCHES REAL</u> PEOPLE

We Respond BY EMBRACING RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD AND OTHERS

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. ² The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. ³ We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. ⁴ We write this to make our joy complete. 1 John 1:1-4

III. Revelation 1:7-8

⁷ "Look, he is coming with the clouds," and "every eye will see him, even those who pierced him"; and all peoples on earth "will mourn because of him." So shall it be! Amen. ⁸ "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty."

God Speaks <u>TO THE WORLD THROUGHOUT TIME</u> We Respond <u>BY LIVING RIGHT NOW IN THE PRESENT WITH</u> <u>FUTURE VISION</u>

My loved ones, we have been adopted into God's family; and we are officially His children now. The full picture of our destiny is not yet clear, but we know this much: when Jesus appears, we will be like Him because we will see Him just as He is. ³ All those who focus their hopes on Him and His coming seek to purify themselves just as He is pure. 1 John 3:2-3 VOICE