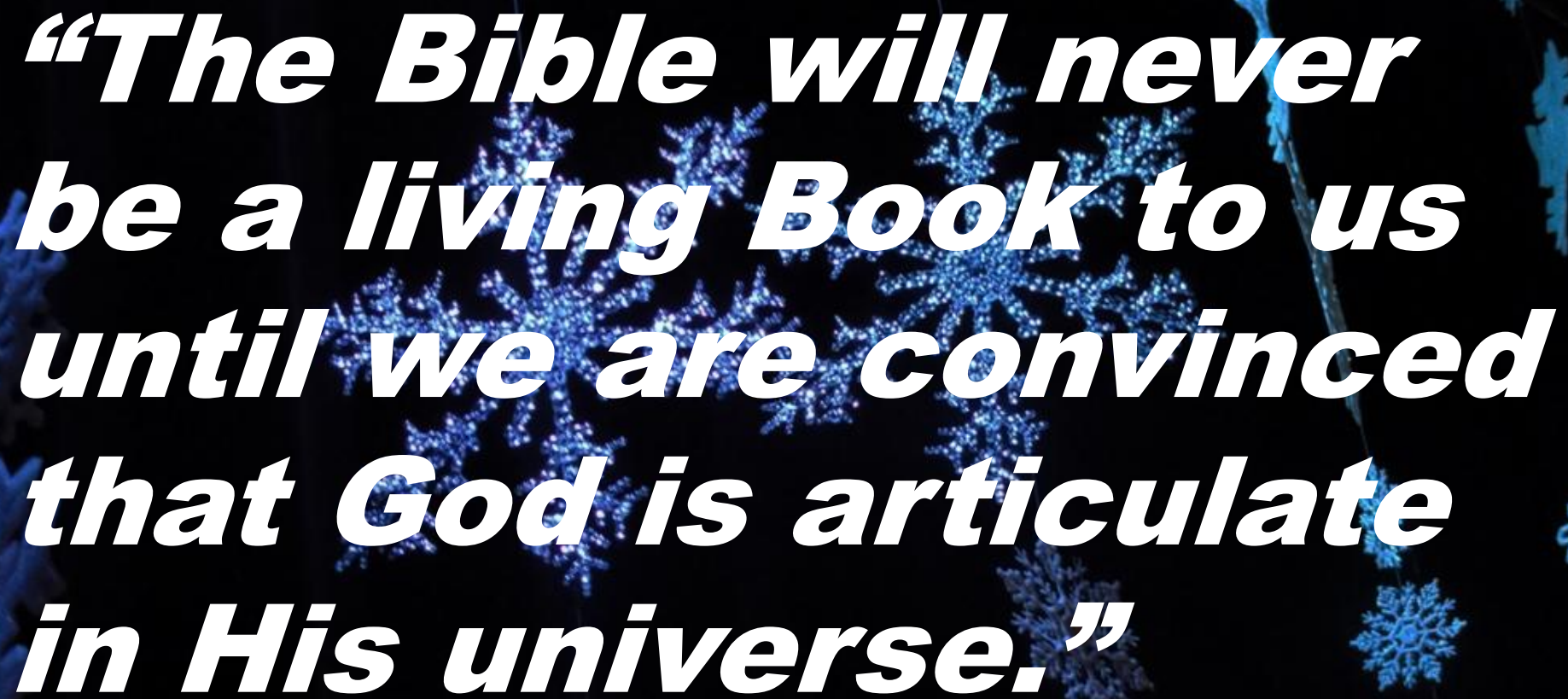


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**“Why Is It  
Important To Hear  
God’s Voice?”**





***“The Bible will never  
be a living Book to us  
until we are convinced  
that God is articulate  
in His universe.”***

***- A. W. Tozer “The Pursuit of God”***





**Job 33:14**

***"For God does speak-not  
one way, then another -  
though a man may not  
perceive it."***



## **John 6:44-45**

***"(Jesus said), No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him...everyone who listens to the Father and learns from him comes to me."***





**John 10:14**

***"(Jesus said), I am the Good Shepherd, and I know those who are mine and my sheep know me...and they hear my voice..."***





**Job 33:17-18**

***“God speaks...causing them to change their minds and keeping them from pride, and warning them of the penalties of sin, and keeping them from falling into some trap.”***



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***“God is always at  
work around you.”***

***- Henry Blackaby  
“Experiencing God”***

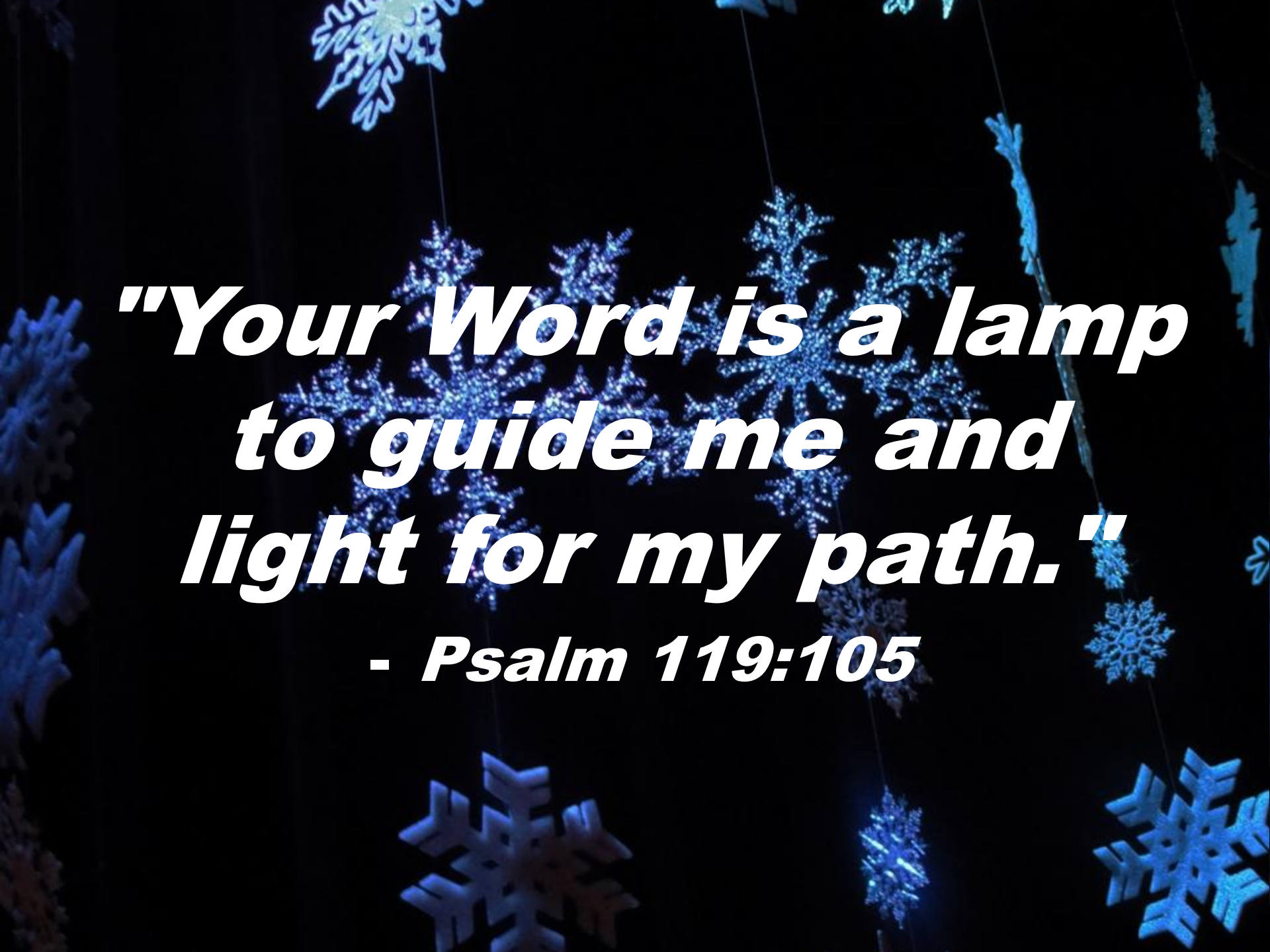


# Six Common Ways God Speaks

## 1. God speaks by the Holy Spirit through the Bible.

*"The whole Bible was given to us by inspiration from God and is useful to teach us what is true and make us realize what is wrong in our lives...It is God's way of making us well prepared at every point..."*

*- 2 Timothy 3:16*



***"Your Word is a lamp  
to guide me and  
light for my path."***

***- Psalm 119:105***

# Six Common Ways God Speaks

## 2. God speaks through his church.

***"...to the intent that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church..."***

***- Ephesians 3:10***

# **Six Common Ways God Speaks**

## **3. God speaks through teachers and preachers.**

***"If our gift is to speak God's message, we should do it according to the faith that we have." - Romans 12:6***

***"We do not speak in words taught by human wisdom, but in words taught by the Spirit, as we explain spiritual truths..." - 1 Corinthians 2:13***

# **Six Common Ways God Speaks**

**4. God speaks prophetically through his church.**



# Six Common Ways God Speaks

## 5. God speaks from the Holy Spirit.

***"The Holy Spirit...will be your teacher and will bring to your mind all I have said to you." - John 14:26***



# Six Common Ways God Speaks

## 6. God speaks through circumstances.

*"God whispers to us in our pleasure. But He shouts to us in our pain." – C. S. Lewis*

*"I used to wander off until you punished me; now I closely follow all you say...the punishment you gave me was the best thing that could have happened to me, for it taught me to pay attention to your laws." -  
Psalm 119:67, 71-72*





# 1 John 4:1

***"Don't always believe everything you hear just because someone says it is a message from God; test it first to see if it really is."***



**Seven test to know if it is God.**

**1. Does it agree with the Bible?**

***"Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away." - Luke 21:33***



**Seven test to know if it is God.**

**2. Does it make me more like  
Christ?**

***"...we take captive every thought  
to make it obedient to Christ."***

***- 2 Corinthians 10:5***

***God's goal in your life is not to make you  
comfortable, but to build your character.***



**Seven test to know if it is God.**

**3. Does my church  
family confirm it?**

***“The wisdom of the righteous can  
save you.” - Proverbs 11:9***

**Seven test to know if it is God.**

**4. Is it consistent with how  
God made me?**

***““We are God's workmanship  
created in Christ Jesus to do good  
works which God prepared in  
advance for us to do.”***

***- Ephesians 2:10***



**Seven test to know if it is God.**

**5. Does it concern my  
responsibility?**

***“If I want him to remain alive until  
I return, what is that to you? You  
must follow me.” – John 21:22***





**Romans 14:10, 13**

***“It is to God alone that we shall have to answer for our actions.”***



**Seven test to know if it is God.**

**6. Is it convicting rather than condemning?**

***“Satan is the accuser of the brethren.” – Rev. 12:10***

***Conviction will always respond to a prayer of repentance.***



# 1 John 1:9

***“ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness”***



**Seven test to know if it is God.**

**7. Do I sense God's peace  
about it?**

***"Let the peace of God rule in your  
hearts..."*** - *Colossians 3:15*

***"God is not the author of confusion."***  
- *1 Corinthians 14:33*

***"He that believes shall not make  
haste."*** - *Isaiah 28:16*

