

The Bible - Part VI

"We don't know what you don't know"
Pastor Craig Sweeney

Topic: The Nature of God

Text: I Kings 19:9-16

Key thought: It's a **BIG MISTAKE**... to believe the Bible is **impersonal**.

Goals for this topic:

- That we gain greater <u>confidence</u> as we seek to respond to the whispers of God.
- That we may discern and act upon the whispers of God.
- That our <u>conversation</u> and our <u>relationship</u> with God would become more rich and fulfilling.

God speaks to us in 4 different ways:

- 1. Bible (God's heart revealed.)
- 2. Holy Spirit
- 3. Wisdom
- 4. Vision

God speaks to us through the Bible on 3 levels:

- Personally
- Generally
- Globally
- 1. Globally Providential will of God.
 - God has a plan for history.

2. Generally - Moral will of God.

• These are the <u>safety cones</u> God has given us for our <u>best</u>.

3. Personally - Personal will of God for me.

• This is the plan God <u>created</u> us for.

Takeaway #1 – God is speaking to us on different <u>levels</u> and in a number of ways. (*Undeniable*)

Takeaway #2 – The BIG question is whether we are going to <u>surrender</u> to the <u>voice</u> of God.

Takeaway #3 - God <u>speaks</u> to us every time we <u>engage</u> the Bible, which are His personal Words to us.