

THE MEDIUM, MECHANISM, AND PURPOSE OF GOD'S SECOND SPEAKING

Hebrews 4:12 (HCSB)

The Power (God's Speaking)

12 For the word of God is **living** and **effective** and **sharper** than any double-edged sword, **penetrating** as far as the **dividing** of soul and spirit, joints and marrow. It is able to judge the ideas and thoughts of the heart.

Acts 2:36-42 (HCSB)

The Story (The Gospel)

36 "Therefore let all the house of Israel know with certainty that **God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah!**"

The Conviction (Knowledge)

37 When **they heard** this, they came under **deep conviction** and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles: "Brothers, **what must we do?**"

The Response (Repentance)

38 "**Repent,**" Peter said to them, "and be baptized, each of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the **forgiveness of your sins**, and you will receive **the gift of the Holy Spirit**. 39 For the promise is for you and for your children, and for all who are far off, as many as the Lord our God will call."

The Function of the Gift

40 And with many other words he testified and strongly urged them, saying, "**Be saved from this corrupt generation!**"

The Evidence of the Gift

41 So those who **accepted his message** were baptized, and that day about 3,000 people were added to them. 42 And they **devoted themselves** to the apostles' **teaching**, to the **fellowship**, to the breaking of bread, and to the **prayers**.