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# *The Scribe, The Prophet, and the Monk*

Three Archetypes for Pursuing God  
through the Word of God

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Research Question:

# *How can a Believer Pursue God?*





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# Methodology

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Identify Media of  
Receiving the  
Word of God

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Find Biblical  
Basis for Media

3

Look through  
Historical Evidence  
for Medium

4

Explore Modern-Day  
Parallels and Disciplines

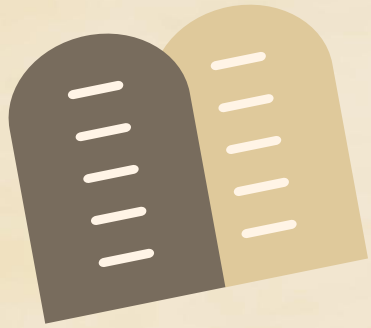
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*The  
Word  
Of  
God*

*Hearing*

*Seeing*





# *Studying- The Scribe*

"We are a People of the Book"




## Studying- The Scribe


- Common Hebrew Word for Reading- קרא (qra)
  - Heavy connotations for reading out loud or crying out
  - Different than reading silently
- “Less than 10% of the men and virtually no women” in biblical times would have the ability to read and write as modern-day believers do
- Ezra 7:10- דרש (darosh)- Searching the Scriptures

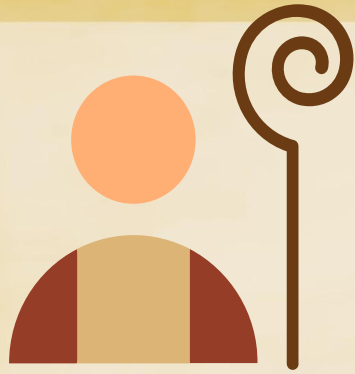
“For Ezra had set his heart to study the Law of the Lord, and to do it and to teach his statutes and rules in Israel.”





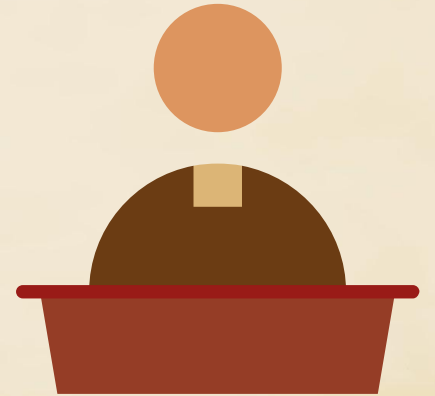
# *Studying- The Scribe*


- Modern Day Applications-
    - Read and Study the Word!
    - Memorization of Scripture
      - Writing or saying them out loud repeatedly
      - Mnemonic Devices and Illustrations
    - Academic Resources and Commentaries
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# Hearing- The Prophet


"Thus Says the Lord"






## Hearing- The Prophet

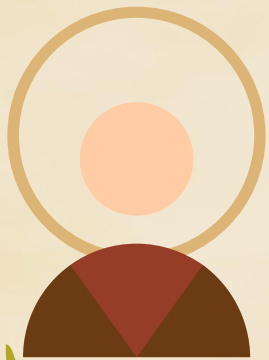
Jeremiah 1:9- “Behold, I have put my words in your mouth.”

- The spoken word of Jeremiah, Isaiah, Jonah, and all the other prophets were given the same authority that we place on the written word
  - The expectation was for this spoken word to impact the hearer’s life
  - Common Hebrew Word for Reading- קרא (qra)
    - Used by prophets, priests, and other individuals
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# Hearing- The Prophet


- Modern Day Applications-
    - Preachers
      - Sunday School Teachers
      - Anyone that reads the Word of God Aloud
    - Meditating over the Word
    - Audio Bibles
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# *Seeing- The Monk*

"Prove Your Faith by the Way  
You Live"







## *Seeing- The Monk*

John 1:14- “And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us”


- Mentoring in the Bible- Moses, Elijah, Paul, and Jesus
- The Mindset of a Christian Monk-
  - Did not have to do with the monastery by necessity
  - Living out their faith and being “one who seeks God single-mindedly”

Athenagoras- Many in the Early Church were “utterly unable to describe the value of our doctrines in words” but they proved their faith “by their deeds”





# *Seeing- The Monk*

- Modern Day Applications-
    - Mentors!
    - Living out one's faith and "Imitating Christ" in all things
    - Serving Others in Love
    - Worship and Prayer
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*Studying*

*Meditating/Memorizing*

*Praying*

*The  
Word  
Of  
God*

*Preaching*

*Mentoring*

*Hearing*

*Worshipping*

*Serving*


*Seeing*







# Further Research

- Expounding on the presented Media of the Word of God
    - Other Historical Examples
    - Different Spiritual Disciplines
  - Exploring Other Possible Media of the Word of God
  - Developing a more integrated discipleship guide to encompass these other media
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# Questions?

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