

# The Windows

by George Herbert

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*George Herbert's sermon emphasizes the importance of authenticity and spiritual transformation in preaching God's word effectively.*

**Scripture:** Matthew 5:16, 2 Corinthians 4:7, James 1:22, 1 John 3:18

**Topics:** "Divine Grace", "Effective Ministry"

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## Description

George Herbert emphasizes the importance of preachers being vessels for God's eternal word, despite their human fragility and imperfections. He illustrates how God can use flawed individuals as windows to showcase His glory and grace in the world. Herbert highlights the significance of aligning doctrine with one's life, as well as combining words with actions to truly impact and convict the hearts of listeners.

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## Transcript

Lord, how can man preach thy eternall word?

He is a brittle crazie glasse:

Yet in thy temple thou dost him afford

This glorious and transcendent place,

To be a window, through thy grace.

But when thou dost anneal in glasse thy storie,

Making thy life to shine within

The holy Preachers; then the light and glorie

More rev'rend grows, & more doth win:

Which else shows watrish, bleak, & thin.

Doctrine and life, colours and light, in one

When they combine and mingle, bring

A strong regard and awe: but speech alone

Doth vanish like a flaring thing,

And in the eare, not conscience ring.

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