

Let Me Say This Again!

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[0 : 0 0] The 12th of March. Let me say this again. Our passage today, Leviticus 19, verses 3 to 4. I am the Lord your God. How do you emphasize what you want somebody to hear or take careful notice of? You can raise your voice if you're speaking to someone, or you could underline or print in large letter if you're writing.

Preachers love to repeat things once or twice to get an important point across. The book of Psalms has lots of examples of repeating a word or two, so people will see how important their message is. For example, Psalm 84, verse 8 says, Hear my prayer, O Lord God Almighty. Listen to me, O God of Jacob. God also has his way of emphasizing his teaching.

And we see lots of examples of this in both the Old and New Testaments. One great example of this is in the book of Leviticus. God thought it especially important for his people at that time.

[1 : 1 4] 49 times God repeated the words, I am the Lord, or I am the Lord your God. In the New Testament, Jesus often would say, Truly, truly, I say to you.

You have to sit up and take notice when you come upon emphases like that. In Leviticus, God was emphasizing that he is the only living and true God, that he has all authority, and that he loved his people.

The same message comes to us from the Lord Jesus. All authority belongs to him. Salvation comes to us through him, and it is in him that we find the great example of how we should live.

God is saying, Let me say that again. Listen to him. And a prayer. Oh Lord, help me to heed what you say to me in the Bible, even if you have to repeat it many times.

Thank you.