

God Has Spoken

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Heb 1:1 "God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets,"

- I. God spoke at sundry times ...
 - A. In many parts ...not all given at once.
 - B. At many different times ... a little here ... a little there.
 - C. No revelation of the whole was given to any one prophet or person.
 - D. All these received some word from God, but not the whole revelation of what was to come.

Matthew 13:17 For verily I say unto you, That many prophets and righteous men have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard them.

- 1. Adam, Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Israel, Moses, David, Isaiah, Jeremiah, and all the prophets.
- 2. This happened over thousands of years.

- II. God spoke in divers manners ...
 - A. In the garden to Adam.
 - B. Before the flood to Noah.
 - C. To Abraham
 - D. To Jacob and to Joseph in a dream.
 - E. To Moses
 - 1. From a burning bush
 - 2. Still small voice
 - 3. Thundering from Mt. Sinai
 - F. To Balaam from a donkey's mouth.
 - G. To different prophets in visions. (Daniel, Ezekiel)
 - H. To certain prophets by examples. (Jeremiah's girdle, Isaiah's 3-year nude evangelistic campaign)
 - I. God has spoken by angels to Hagar, Abraham, Jacob, Moses, Balaam and his donkey, to all the children of Israel at once (Judges 2:4), Gideon, Manoah and his wife, Elijah, Gad and David, Joseph and Mary, Zacharias, the shepherds, Peter in prison, Phillip, and others besides.
 - J. God has also spoken to mankind clearly through judgement for sin and blessing for righteousness.
 - 1. The flood
 - 2. Sodom and the cities of the plain
 - 3. History is full of the testimony of God speaking out and acting against wickedness and blessing righteousness.

- III. God now has spoken by his Son.

Heb 1:2 "Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;"

- A. No more sundry times and divers manners, that was for times past.
- B. No more excuse for confusion now that God has spoken through his Son.
- C. No more representatives ...He came himself.

Matthew 21:33-37 "Hear another parable: There was a certain householder, which planted a vineyard, and hedged it round about, and digged a winepress in it, and built a tower, and let it out to husbandmen, and went into a far country: And when the time of the fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the husbandmen, that they might receive the fruits of it. And the husbandmen took his servants, and beat one, and killed another, and stoned another. Again, he sent other servants more than the first: and they did unto them likewise. But last of all he sent unto them his son, saying, They will reverence my son."

- D. No more types and shadows.
- E. No more bits and pieces — the whole thing is now revealed.
- F. Now we know the whole plan of God to redeem men from their sin.
- G. There are still secret things that belong to God, but the things that are revealed belong to us and to our children.
- H. The words of Jesus were pure and clear.

Matthew 13:34-35 All these things spake Jesus unto the multitude in parables; and without a parable spake he not unto them: That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter things which have been kept secret from the foundation of the world.

- I. There are actually people who claim to believe the Bible who teach people that the words of Jesus are not for us, but for the Jews only.
 - 1. They claim that we cannot know or teach the way of salvation from the words of Christ himself or his disciples, but must rely on Paul alone to understand the way to be saved.
 - 2. It is hard to comprehend how someone could read the Bible and be in such error and deceit, and think themselves to have comprehended some higher level of understanding.
 - 3. Such teachings have all the marks of the devil himself on them.
- J. To borrow a little from what is ahead of us here in Hebrews we can refute such heresy easily.

Hebrews 2:1-3 Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip. For if the word spoken by angels was stedfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompence of reward; How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him;

- 1. Jesus Christ is the master, the Savior of the world, the Word of God, the Son of God, the Creator, the Lamb of God, He is our Passover, our redemption, the King of Kings, and Lord of Lords, and if we cannot take his word above any man on any subject we are not trusting Him for salvation or anything else.
- 2. Why would God send his Son to this world and live and die and not tell lost men how to be saved?
- 3. Paul claimed to have gotten everything he knew from Christ and told us to follow him and he followed Christ.
- 4. No one can understand what Paul is teaching unless they first understand what Christ taught us while He walked and spoke here on this earth.

Colossians 2:3 In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

