

Your Kingdom Come: Lesson #4

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God Speaks To Us

"Long ago, at many times and in many ways God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by His son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom he made the world. He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature." (Hebrews 1: 1-3)

God wants to reveal Himself to us. The desire to speak and to be understood is part of God's nature, and because we are made in His image, we can communicate with God. God has been speaking since the beginning, and the message has gotten clearer and more complete through the ages. In the Old Testament, we read about what God spoke to Noah, Abraham, Moses, and the prophets. In Jesus, however, God speaks directly to us, and God's nature is perfectly and fully represented in all that Jesus was, said, and did.

Every child of God hears His voice. He is the good shepherd, and His sheep know that voice. He speaks to us by His Spirit, through other Christians, and through the Bible, His written Word. (John 10)

The Bible

The Bible is actually a collection of 66 books written by 35 authors over a period of about 1500 years. It was written primarily in Hebrew and Greek. The Old Testament is a record of what God did and said from creation until the birth of Christ. It is composed of the Law (Genesis through Deuteronomy), history (Joshua through Nehemiah), poetry (Job through Song of Solomon), and the prophets (Isaiah through Malachi). The New Testament is composed of the gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John), Acts, the epistles (Romans through Jude), and Revelation. The Old and New Testaments have proven to be historically accurate and reliable.

All scripture is inspired or God-breathed. God has provided in the Bible all that we need to know how to be saved and how to fully live the Christian life. Some parts of the Bible are direct quotations of what God said, some parts are poetry and songs of worship, some are personal

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