

## God Speaks Through The Bible

Spiritually minded people want to experience God, and to that end, God speaks to you, revealing Himself, His purposes, and His ways. The most obvious questions people ask about God's speaking are, "How does God speak to me?" and "How can I know when God is speaking?" Although it is hard to get people to believe, the answer is easy: God speaks through the Bible! You may say, "That is too easy!" But God can do whatever He pleases, and the scriptures say He speaks through them to us.

Paul wrote, "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works" (2 Timothy 3:16-17). In short, the scriptures are God's revelation of Himself to humanity. It is a record of God's dealings with humanity and His words to them. God speaks to you through the Bible!

When you think of this, it makes sense. What if God literally "spoke" to each of us? There are lots of people who make this claim, but they all act in different ways. How could God speak to people in contradictory ways? We know that God does not change (Malachi 3:6), does not lie (Titus 1:2), and does not respect one person over another (Acts 10:34). The only way to reconcile all of this is to admit that maybe God does not "speak" directly the way people claim. Perhaps they are not willing to accept the truth so God sends them a "strong delusion" (2 Thessalonians 2:10-12). If someone will accept the fact that God only teaches through His word (John 6:44-45), then they can get on with learning God's will and obey Him through repentance, confession, and baptism.

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