

“God Has Spoken”

Hebrews 1:1-3

Introduction:

- A. God is no mere “thing”, “force” or “first cause” – He has spoken!
 - 1. Unlike man made Gods (Isa. 41:21-24; 1 Kings 18:26-29).
 - 2. Uses language - words.
- B. God has told us what we need to know.
 - 1. Because we cannot direct our own steps (Jer. 10:23)
 - 2. Because we must conform to His ways (Isa. 55:6-9)
- C. God has spoken to man in all ages:

Discussion:

I. God Has Spoken “In Time Past...By the Prophets”.

- A. Prophets were God's mouth or spokesmen. (Ex. 4:14-17; 7:1-2).
 - 1. God spoke directly to them at different times and various ways.
 - a. Abraham and lot by angels in human form.
 - b. Moses in burning bush.
 - c. Visions, etc.
 - 2. They relayed God's message to the people.
 - a. God spoke to world through Noah.
 - b. God spoke to Israel through various prophets.
 - c. God gave confirmation to the prophets (cf Ex. 4:1)
- B. Prophets moved by Holy Spirit (2 Pet. 1:19-21)
 - 1. David (Acts 1:16; Heb. 3:7; 4:7)
 - 2. Isaiah (Acts 28:25ff)

II. God Has Spoken “In These Last Days .. by His Son”.

- A. Christ was the ultimate and ideal prophet/spokesman (Deut. 18:15-18; Acts 3:22,23; 7:37)
- B. Christ spoke personally and representatively (Heb. 2:3,4)
 - 1. He sent apostles help in the work of revelation. (John 14:26; 15:26; 16:13).
 - 2. He gave them power to impart spiritual gifts to early churches.
- C. Christ was God's final spokesman.
 - 1. Jude, one of the later books of the New Testaments, indicates revelation is complete.
 - a. 1 Corinthians, clearly an early book, indicates on going process (Chapters 12-14)
 - b. Jude indicates a completed process (Jude 3) (While a few scholars that date Jude as early as the 50's, there are a good many others that place it as late as 90-100. In view of this verse, the late date is more likely)
 - 2. Modern claims to revelation a direct challenge of this truth.
 - a. Mormons and other cults.
 - b. Any claim of direct communication from God.
 - c. Any claim to direct guidance from God.

Conclusion:

- A. God has spoken.
 - 1. No evidence that he still speaks - but to contrary.
 - 2. Spoke through chosen men who relayed the message
 - a. Orally and written to contemporaries.
 - b. Written for later generations (cf. Rom 15:3-5; 1 Cor 14:37; 2 Tim. 3:16, 17; 2 Pet. 3:16)
- B. God has spoken.
 - 1. Do we listen?
 - 2. Do we demand more?