

## **God has spoken!**

“The Lord GOD has spoken” (Amos 3:8).

“God has spoken in His holiness” (Psalm 108:7).

### **God has spoken in different ways.**

“God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by His Son” (Hebrews 1:1, 2).

God spoke directly to certain people. He also spoke through prophets. In these last days He has spoken to us through Jesus Christ.

## **God spoke directly to certain people.**

God spoke to Adam and Eve: "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it" (Genesis 1:28).

God spoke to Cain: "What have you done?" (Genesis 4:10).

God spoke to Noah: "Make yourself an ark of gopherwood" (Genesis 6:14).

God spoke to Abraham: "Get out of your country, from your family and from your father's house, to a land that I will show you" (Genesis 12:1).

God spoke to Moses: "Depart and go up from here, you and the people whom you have brought out of the land of Egypt, to the land of which I swore to Abraham,

Isaac, and Jacob, saying, 'To your descendants I will give it'" (Exodus 33:1).

"The LORD spoke to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend" (Exodus 33:11).

God spoke to Aaron: "Do not drink wine or intoxicating drink, you, nor your sons with you, when you go into the tabernacle of meeting, lest you die" (Leviticus 10:9).

God spoke to David: "Your throne shall be established forever" (2 Samuel 7:16).

God spoke to Jeremiah: "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you were born I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations" (Jeremiah 1:5).

God spoke to John the Baptist about Jesus: "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased" (Matthew 3:17).

God spoke to Jesus: "You are My beloved Son; in You I am well pleased" (Luke 3:22).

God spoke to Peter, James and John about Jesus: "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!" (Matthew 17:5).

God spoke to the apostle John: "Behold, I make all things new." ... "Write, for these words are true and faithful" (Revelation 21:5).

**God spoke through inspired prophets.**

“Turn from your evil ways, and keep My commandments and My statutes, according to all the law which I commanded your fathers, and which I sent to you by My servants the prophets” (2 Kings 17:13).

## **In these last days God has spoken through His Son!**

“He is the image of the invisible God” (Colossians 1:15).

God “has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds; who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the

right hand of the Majesty on high”  
(Hebrews 1:2, 3)

Jesus said: “He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own authority” (John 14:9, 10).

“He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him - the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day. For I have not spoken on My own authority; but the Father who sent Me gave Me a command, what I should say and what I should speak” (John 12:48, 49).

## **God spoke through the Apostles.**

Shortly before Jesus returned to the Father, He told His Apostles: "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you. All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you" (John 16:12-15).

Thus the Apostles' doctrine is the doctrine of Christ. Through the Apostles we know what Jesus did and taught while on earth and what He taught *through them* after He returned to heaven.

## **God's word has been made known to all nations through Scripture.**

Peter explained: "And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts; knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit" (2 Peter 1:19-21).

God commanded that His word be made know to all nations through holy Scriptures: "Now to Him who is able to establish you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery kept secret

since the world began but now made manifest, and by the prophetic Scriptures made known to all nations, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, for obedience to the faith" (Romans 16:25, 26).

## **What have we learned?**

God has spoken in various ways.  
He spoke directly to certain people.  
He spoke through inspired prophets.  
In these last days God has spoken through His Son.

God commanded the Apostles to make the gospel known to all nations through sacred Scriptures.

God's message to mankind through the ages is available to us now in the Scriptures. In them we learn about the

Father of all mercies and about His Son Jesus Christ, who came to deliver us from bondage to sin and give us eternal life in that heavenly city where death will be no more.

Amen.

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