

HOW THE SPIRIT SPEAKS AND WHY WE NEED HIS WORDS

*"All scripture is given... that the man of God may be perfect,
thoroughly furnished unto all good works?"*

~ 2 Timothy 3:17

1. A Warning against Blasphemy

- a. When most people say God spoke to me - they credit the voice to the Spirit
- b. People become too casual when referring to how God speaks
- c. "*Letting the Holy Spirit speak this morning*" is blaming God for your soap box
- d. "*The Spirit laid it on my heart to tell you...*" is blaming God for your desires
- e. "*The Spirit told me to/led me to...*" is blaming God for your choices
- f. Blasphemy *def~* To speak with blame; to injure/hurt/reproach God with your words
- g. Where, when, and how God speaks to us is an important matter - Heb 1:1
- h. God is the Truth, the word of God is Truth - John 16:13, 14:6, 14:17

2. How Do We Know?

- a. God has spoken, he has revealed himself - 2 Pet 1:21; 2 Tim 3:16; ... but how?
- b. False prophets were stoned to death - Deu 18:18-22; Jer 28:1-2; 15-17
- c. God says do not listen to some prophets - Jer 23:16, 27:9-10, 29:8-9
- d. God sends lying spirits? - 1 Kings 22:23-26; 2 Thess 2:11
- e. People say, trust yourself, others, what you feel, what you see, your heart...
- f. ...and its all wrong - Rom 3:4, Jer 17:9, John 14:6, 2 Tim 2:15
- g. Despite what Blackaby says, don't rely on circumstances - Ga 1:4, 2Co 4:4, Eph 2:1-3
- h. We need to let God be true - Rom 3:4
- i. We need to have the word of truth, and rightly divide the word of truth

3. The Word of Truth

- a. The word of truth comes from the Spirit of truth - John 16:13; 2 Tim 3:16; 2 Pet 1:21
- b. The Holy Ghost spoke through the mouth of prophets - Acts 1:16; 1Tim 4:1; 1Co 14:36
- c. We need His words - 1 Thess 2:13; Rom 10:17; 2 Tim 2:15; Eph 6:17
- d. The words of God were inspired (written down) in scripture
- e. Inspiration (words written down) + Utilization (the need for the words) = preservation
- f. Scripture contains everything we need to be perfect - Rom 16:25-26; 2 Tim 3:17
- g. It was given to Paul to "fulfil the word of God" with the mystery - Col 1:25
- h. God spoke to prophets, God spoke to fathers, God spoke through Jesus (John 10:35-36), then he spoke by the Spirit through Paul - Rom 3:21, 16:25, Eph 3:8-9
- i. Claims of the Spirit speaking must be confirmed by the Bible rightly divided