

Hebrews 1:1-2

LESSON 03

How God Speaks

*“God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake
in time past unto the fathers by the prophets,
Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son...”*

~ Hebrews 1:1-2

1. “God... spake”

- a. The true author of the book, and the one responsible for every page of the Bible
- b. One of the best first verses in the Bible (see also Gen 1:1, John 1:1, Job 1:1)
- c. If there is a God that has a purpose, then he has intervened, and he has spoken...
- d. “unto the fathers by the prophets” – Rom 3:1-2, 9:4-5 (see prophets first verses)
 - i. “Thus saith the Lord...”, “the word of the Lord came unto...”

2. “sundry times”

- a. Sundry – several, separate, different, divers – as in asunder
- b. This is the dispensational idea of progressive revelation
- c. Not every time, manner, purpose, and revelation of God is the same
- d. Rom 10:4-6 v. Deu 6:25; 1Ti 1:6-7 v. Deu 32:47; Gal 3:11-12; Rom 16:25 vs. Act 3:21
- e. There is change, even in God’s purpose for Israel - 1 Pet 1:9-11; 2:7-10; Heb 8:6-8
- f. “last days” – indicates the time in which the book of Hebrews is concerned, not us

3. “divers manners”

- a. Ignorant brethren say, “God speaks in mysterious ways”
- b. Audible Voice – Gen 1:3, Gen 12:1-4; Matt 3:17, 17:5, Eze 1:28-2:1
- c. Dreams – Gen 20:3, 28:12 – Num 12:6
- d. Prophets – Heb 1:1, – “thus saith the Lord”
- e. Angels – Matt 1:20, Dan 9:21, Act 7:53
- f. Visions & Revelations – Eze 1:1, Isa 6, Rev 1:1, 2 Cor 12:1
- g. Apostles – Acts 1:2, 1 Tim 4:1, Eph 3:4-5, 1 Cor 14:37
- h. Son – Heb 1:2, John 6:63
- i. Direct inspiration of scripture – 2 Timothy 3:16, 2 Pet 1:20-21
- j. We walk by faith not by sight in this dispensation of grace and faith.
- k. The only objective means God speaks to us today is through his inspired words, the revelation of Jesus Christ – above the angels, through his apostles, about the mystery.

4. “by his Son”

- a. The only begotten of the Father – John 1:14, 18
- b. There is only one begotten Son – John 3:16 (there are many sons of God)
- c. Did God have a son? – Prov 30:4, Dan 3:25, Isa 7:14, Matt 11:27
- d. This is the bombshell for the Hebrews – God spoke through his son.
- e. The rest of the chapter explains how Jesus is the Son of God