How Does God Speak to You Today?

The title of this lesson is one of the most controversial questions in the world.

- I. How did God speak in the <u>past</u>?
 - A. Through the prophets (Hebrews 1:1)
 - 1. God did this with Pharaoh (Exodus 5:1).
 - 2. God did this with David (2 Samuel 12:1-12).
 - 3. God did this with Israel (Isaiah, Amos, Ezekiel, Jeremiah, etc).
 - 4. God did this with Gentiles (Jonah).
 - 5. God did this concerning the coming Messiah (Micah 5:2; Isaiah 53).
 - B. Through dreams (Daniel 4)
 - C. Through visions (Ezekiel 1; Daniel 7-8)
 - D. Through the Law of Moses (Exodus 19:5-6)
 - E. Through animals (Numbers 22:28)
 - F. Through angels (Luke 1:26-38)
 - G. Through an audible voices from heaven (Exodus 20:1-19; Matthew 3:17; 17:5)
- II. How does God speak now?
 - A. Through His Son Jesus Christ (Hebrews 1:2)
 - 1. He is the beloved Son in whom the Father is well pleased (Matthew 17:5).
 - 2. He has all authority in heaven and on earth (Matthew 28:18).
 - 3. He spoke the will of God the Father (John 12:48-50).
 - B. How does Jesus speak now?
 - 1. Through His spokesman ...
 - 2. ...who were inspired by the <u>Holy Spirit</u> (John 14:26; 16:12-15).

God's message is not spoken directly or personally.









God uses means— agents—to communicate His message.





III. The blessed assurances of this process:

- A. We have God's <u>message</u> (1 Corinthians 14:37).
- B. We have a <u>complete</u> message (John 16:12-15; 2 Peter 1:3; Jude 3).
- C. We can <u>understand</u> the message (Ephesians 3:4-5).
- D. We must <u>read</u> and study the message (Ephesians 3:4).
- E. We must <u>accept</u> the message (James 1:22-25).

Conclusion: Are you allowing God to ____speak__ to you?

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