

“God Has Spoken”

Hebrews 1:1,2

Introduction:

- A. There Is No Faith in God or Salvation from Sin Apart from His Word
 - 1. Faith comes by hearing the Word of God (Romans 10:17).
 - 2. Without faith it is impossible to please God (Hebrews 11:6).
 - 3. Therefore, without the Word of God we cannot please God.
- B. That God Has Spoken Is Evident-
 - 1. It is reasonable to believe that the God who created would communicate with His creation (Psalms 94:9-11).
 - a. The God that made us rational thinking beings is Himself a Rational Thinking Being, necessarily of superior thought guided by infinite wisdom.
 - b. He made speech, hearing and thought. He made us in His image (Genesis 1:26). He must have intended to communicate with us and give us instruction (Psalms 67:1, 2).
 - 2. Just as a parent can communicate with an infant child, so God has made himself known unto us.
 - a. He is not beyond our comprehension provided He makes the revelation of Himself (comment on significance of Romans 1:19-22; Acts 17:27).
 - b. Any revelation that God would make would be so conceived and designed as to make it possible for His creation to gradually come to know and understand (Him Psalms 119:111).
- C. The Bible Is how God Has Spoken-
 - 1. The Holy Scriptures make the claim to be the only revelation of the one true God (Hebrews 1:1, 2; 2 Timothy 3:15-17).
 - 2. The evidence supporting this claim is overwhelming.
 - a. The unity of the Book exemplifies its claim. The Bible is a collection of 66 books written by about 40 men over a 1500 year span, with a harmonious thread and essential agreement characteristic of a single Mind (1 Corinthians 2:613; 2 Peter 1:19-21).

- b. The character of the Book verifies its origin. It is not the kind of book a man would write if he could or could write if he would. It reveals the weaknesses of its heroes and condemns their sins and shortcomings. It presents a morality that none, but one, have lived up to, but which all have admitted is excellent.
- c. The knowledge revealed in the Book certifies its supernatural character.
 - 1) Undeniable accuracy in matters of history, geography and contemporaneous culture (e.g. the Hittites, Pilate, writing).
 - 2) No statements of fact that can be demonstrated to be out of harmony with established and knowable principles of physics, earth science and mathematics (e.g., the ark properly proportioned for sailing, circle of the earth in Isaiah 40:22, one blood in Acts 17:26).
 - 3) Biblical prophecy obviously revealed and written years, and in some cases centuries, before the events transpired establish the supernatural superintendence given to its authors (Daniel's visions, Isaiah's reference to Cyrus, the prophecies concerning Christ).

D. As Noted Before, Conviction Determines Conduct-

- 1. The unbeliever, the atheist or agnostic, does not order his conduct to please God (Psalms 10:3-11). Neither does the fallen Christian (Hebrews 3:12,19).
- 2. All unbelief and apostasy begins with doubting the Word of God.
 - a. "I'll take the words of Christ, but I'm not so sure about those Apostles."
 - b. "There are many things the Bible which just cannot be true, like that fish story and the tale of making a man out of dust."
 - c. "When science, reason and experience contradict the Bible we cannot ignore the preponderance of evidence that necessitates we conclude differently."
 - d. "We do many things for which we have no Bible authority."

3. Let us consider how we are affected by a strong conviction that "God hath spoken" and what effect that has upon our behavior.

I. ***Since "God Has Spoken" I Must Not Neglect What He Said***

- A. Hebrews 2:1-4
- B. "Dust on the Bible is indicative of a drought in the soul."
 1. The Bible is still the bestselling book of all time. More copies of it sold in more languages than any other book.
 2. However, it is probably the least read book that is owned. Most know very little of what it says, and less of what requires for salvation.
- C. If I truly believe the Bible to be the Word of the One True God...
 1. I will read and study it with a willing enthusiasm (Psalms 119:97,131).
 2. I will make time for the consideration of it (Psalms 63:6; 119:147-148).
 3. I will make opportunity to be instructed therein by those who know it best (Isaiah 2:3; Micah 4:2).
 4. It is an unconvincing affirmation that leads to so little real study and inquiry into the pages of what is "the mind of Christ."
- D. There should be in all of us an insatiable yearning to commune with our God; a yearning that can only be satisfied by hearing Him speak to us.

II. ***Since "God Has Spoken," I Should Expect to Understand Him***

- A. Acts 17:11
 1. The nobility of the Bereans lay in their unwillingness to accept anything without proving it by the Scriptures.
 2. Their confidence was in God, His word and their ability to understand it for themselves (1 John 4:1).
- B. There are so many that rely upon a preacher, family member or close friend to "tell" them what the Bible says or what they should believe.

1. Numerous times in the Scriptures we are warned that men can and will lead us astray if we are not diligent to test the things we are taught.
 2. Our confidence is in the word not men (1 Corinthians 4:6; Titus 1:11; 2 Timothy 2:15-17).
- C. God has not placed His word in the keeping of special handlers, a clergy, who have a supernatural gift of understanding (Ephesians 3:1-4).
1. We are commanded to understand (Ephesians 5:17).
 2. We are told that we can know and do the truth (John 8:32).
 3. We can not only know, but also do the will of the Father in Heaven (Matthew 7:21, 24).

III. *Since “God Has Spoken” I Must Tell Others*

- A. What if...
1. I knew how to cure cancer?
 2. I had discovered a map that led to riches beyond belief?
 3. I found the way to feed the whole world?
 4. You would expect me to share this good news with you and everyone we met, even strangers and enemies.
- B. Once God has spoken to you the greatest news that has ever been heard is now in your possession.
- C. Examples of those to whom God had spoken:
1. The Samaritan woman (John 4)
 2. The demoniac (Mark 5:18-20)
 3. Witnesses to the healing of the deaf and dumb man (Mark 7:31-36)
 4. Andrew and Philip (John 1)
- D. If we truly believe God has spoken, we cannot be silent with those around us.

IV. *Since “God Has Spoken” I Expect Him to Enforce His Word*

- A. It is unbelievable that one should believe the Bible is God's Word and then live a life contrary to its principles.
1. “I believe the Bible, but...”
 2. “I know the Bible says this, but I think...”
 3. “I know it's not in the Bible, but I feel...”
 4. “The Bible might not allow this, but we like...”

- B. The God whom we serve is the God revealed in the Bible.
1. He is the God who took Adam out of the Garden of Eden for one sin.
 2. He is the God who rejected Cain's offering.
 3. He is the God who destroyed the world with a flood.
 4. He is the God who destroyed Egypt with the plagues.
 5. He is the God who left Israel strewn in heaps in the wilderness.
 6. He is the God that consumed Nadab and Abihu with fire.
 7. He is the God who opened the earth to swallow Dathan and Abiram.
 8. He is the God who struck Uzza dead.
 9. He is the God that smote Uzziah with leprosy.
 10. He is the God that drove Nebuchadnezzar like a mad man into the fields.
- C. Judgment is according to the Word of God - John 12:48; Romans 2:6, 16; Revelation 20:12

Conclusion:

- A. There Is No Salvation Apart from God's Word
1. Do you believe that God has spoken, and the Bible is His Word?
 2. If so how has that transformed your life? How does that truth direct your conduct?
- B. Belief that "God Has Spoken" Will
1. Motivate genuine interest for study and meditation.
 2. Cause you to seek your own understanding and not to rely upon others.
 3. Lead you to tell others what you have learned.
 4. Give rise to an expectation of judgment according to His word.