

“GOD...HATH SPOKEN”

Hebrews 1:1–2 contains numerous points of Biblical Truth:

God, having of old time spoken unto the fathers in the prophets by divers portions and in divers manners, hath at the end of these days spoken unto us in his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom also he made the worlds.

- **GOD hath spoken.** The Creator of the universe has condescended to reveal His perfect will to mankind in the Bible. We are obligated to receive it, “...not as the word of men, but, as it is in truth, the word of God” (1 The. 2:13).
- **God SPOKE in the past to the Jewish fathers** by various means through numerous prophets. Their grand theme was salvation through the Christ (1 Pet. 1:10–12).
- **God hath SPOKEN.** Deism says He created us and has since ignored us; the Bible says He is so concerned about us that he revealed His will to us. Those who are wise know that “it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps” (Jer. 10:23). The world overflows with evil, but had God not spoken, how much fuller of wickedness would it be?
- **God HATH Spoken.** Jesus’ work and teachings, culminating in His crucifixion, marked the end of the authority of the Old Testament (Col. 1:14). He promised that “all the truth” would be revealed before the last apostle died (John 16:13). By the time Jude wrote his epistle, “the faith” (i.e., the entire Gospel message) had been “once for all delivered to the saints” (v. 3). The New Testament allows for no sub-sequent revelations (Gal. 1:6–9; Rev. 22:18–19).

- **God Hath Spoken THROUGH HIS SON.** God gave His Son all authority (Mat. 28:18). He exercises His authority through His New Testament, ratified and empowered by His shed blood (Mat. 26:27–28; Heb. 9:15–17). He spoke His will personally and through men whom He chose as His spokesmen, all of whom died by the end of the first century. God has not spoken through Joseph Smith, Mo-hammed, Televangelists, or any other post-New Testament self-proclaimed prophets.
- **SINCE God Has Spoken Through His Son:** We are commanded, “Hear ye him” (Mat. 17:5). We are to “search the Scriptures” (Acts 17:11) that we may “grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord” (2 Pet. 3:18). We must submit to His authority in word and deed (Col. 3:17).
- **Jesus’ Word Will JUDGE Us.** Jesus will judge all men (Acts 17:31; 2 Cor. 5:10). His Word, the New Testament, will be the standard of judgment (John 12:48).

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