

Thus saith the LORD

Hebrews 1:1

God at different times and in different ways (Hosea 12:10) spoke in the past unto the father's by the prophets HAS in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, Jesus Christ. Today God speaks to us through his Son. Do you know who the Son is? He is the Word manifest in the flesh.

Go to 1 John 5:7. Notice it does not say the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, that's important. It says the Word instead of the Son. Now the Word and the Son are the same but you need to understand something about that. In John 1:1, 14 the Word was made flesh, that's called the Son. People say how can Jesus be the Son and the Father at the same time? Because Jesus Christ is not the Son of the Father as a man is a son of his father. It's different. Go to Luke 1:28-35. Notice because the Holy Ghost forms a body in the womb and the Godhead (Father, Word, and Holy Ghost) steps into that body (Colossians 1:19, 2:8-10), THEREFORE that holy thing shall be called the Son of God. Jesus Christ is not a created being. Jesus Christ is God manifest in the flesh if you have a KJV (1 Timothy 3:16, Isaiah 9:6-7), he is the Father in the flesh (John 14:9-11) and is equal to the Father (John 10:30-36, Philippians 2:5-11), but he's also called the Son.

Matthew 11:7-15, Luke 16:15-16

The Law and the prophets were up until John, from henceforth the kingdom of God is preached, and every man presses into it. During the ministry of John and Jesus, things were about to change, and that is why miracles, signs, and wonders were performed and accompanied the ministries of Jesus Christ and the apostles because the Jew requires a sign (1 Corinthians 1:22) and God used signs, wonders, and miracles to confirm his word to the Jew (Exodus 4, Ezekiel 13:6, Isaiah 44:26, Hebrews 2:3-4, Mark 16:14-20, Acts 2:43, 14:1-4, 2 Corinthians 12:12). God never used signs, wonders, and miracles to confirm his word to the Gentiles.

The fact of the matter is that God speaks in different ways at different times. Here are some of the ways the Lord speaks according to scripture:

- (1) Visions
- (2) Dreams
- (3) Audible Voice
- (4) Inaudible voice
- (5) Preaching
- (6) The Holy Bible*

* According to scripture, the scripture is the surest word of prophecy and revelation from God (2 Peter 1:16-21). That is, the Holy Bible is the final authority when it comes to what the Lord has said and not said (Isaiah 8:19-20). Let me ask you a question: the devil wants you to question God's word right? The devil wants you to believe a lie right? If that is the case, don't you think he would attack the written word of God since it is the surest word of prophecy anybody can get his or her hands on? Don't you think the devil

would corrupt and pervert the written word of God, to get you to believe God said something when he didn't say it, or get you to believe God didn't say something when he really did?

How would he accomplish this? Add, delete, alter, undermine and water down the scriptures (The perverted *new versions* of the Bible that come from corrupt sources). You say the devil wouldn't do that. Well someone must be because God warns against it (Deuteronomy 4:2, Proverbs 30:6, Revelation 22:18-19). You ask how do you spot the devil's perversions? Where there are additions, subtractions, confusion, contradictions, and lies; where fundamental doctrines are attacked such as the trinity, deity of Christ, the virgin birth, the blood atonement: that is where you find the fingerprints of the devil. Moving on...

1. Visions – something seen supernaturally that reveals God's word

Genesis 15:1 (first appearance)

- The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision

Numbers 12:6

- God will make himself known to a prophet in a vision or in a dream

Numbers 24:3-4

- Balaam saw the vision of the Almighty, falling into a trance

Isaiah 1:1; Ezekiel 1:1, 8:3-4, 11:24, 40:2; Daniel 1:17, 10:7

- Isaiah saw something, Ezekiel saw something, Daniel saw something

Matthew 17:1-9

- The mount of transfiguration was a vision according to Jesus Christ

Luke 1:11-22

- Zecharias saw a vision of an angel

Acts 10:9-19

- Peter saw a vision of unclean beasts; he fell into a trance

Acts 16:9-10

- Paul sees a vision at night and knows the Lord called them to preach in Macedonia

2. Dreams

Genesis 20:3-7

- The Lord spoke to Abimelech in a dream

Genesis 46:1-5

- The Lord speaks to Israel through a dream

Genesis 28:12-17

- The Lord speaks to Jacob in a dream

Genesis 37:9-11

- The Lord speaks to Joseph in a dream

Genesis 40:8

- Interpretations of dreams belong to God

1 Kings 3:5

- The Lord spoke to Solomon in a dream

Job 4:13-21, 33:14-18

- Seeing something in a dream

Jeremiah 23:28

- Speak the dream, and speak his word faithfully

Matthew 1:20, 2:12, 2:22

- The Lord spoke to Joseph in a dream

3. Audible Voice

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:8-9

- The Lord spoke audibly to Adam

Exodus 3:2-6, 33:11, Deuteronomy 34:10-12

- Moses heard the audible voice of God

1 Samuel 3:1-10

- The prophet Samuel hears the audible voice of God

Luke 9:28-36

- Peter, James, and John hear the audible voice of God

* Anyone that heard Jesus Christ during the days of his flesh heard the audible voice of God

4. Inaudible Voice

1 Kings 19:11-12, Job 4:15-16

- Elijah heard the Lord's voice, but it wasn't audible

Still – “silent, uttering no sound” (Psalm 4:4, 46:10)

Inspiration – “the act of breathing into anything; the infusion of ideas into the mind by the Holy Spirit, the Lord communicating his will to the understanding of a man's mind by suggestions or impressions on the mind.”

John 3:6-8 What it is like for those who have been born again:

The Spirit blows where he desires (Acts 2:2, 4:29-31 – the Spirit is like the wind)

You can hear the sound of him, his voice

But you cannot tell from where he comes and to where he goes

Isaiah 30:21, Matthew 10:27

You'll hear in your ears a word behind you saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right and to the left

Psalm 147:18, Ezekiel 37:9-14

His word is like wind

1 John 2:24-27

We have an unction (an anointing) from the Holy One and know all things

We know the truth and know that no lie is of the truth

We have the anointing abiding in us

We have no need for others to teach us

The anointing (the Holy Spirit) teaches us all things and is truth

He has taught us

We abide in him

1 John 3:18-21

Love in deed and truth and word

If our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart and knows all things

If our heart condemns us not, we have confidence toward God

See also Philippians 3:15

1 John 4:2-6

You know the Spirit of God if someone confesses Jesus Christ is come in the flesh

Those that hear the words of the apostles know God

We know we are in God because of his Spirit he has given us (1 John 3:24, 4:13)

You have the witness of God in yourself (1 John 5:10)

The Holy Spirit spoke to Christians and through them

Acts 8:29 The Spirit spoke to Philip. Philip was full of faith and the Holy Ghost (Acts 6:5), He was a street preacher (Acts 8:5)

Acts 10:19 The Spirit spoke to Peter

Acts 21:4 The disciples spoke to Paul through the Spirit

5. Preaching

Titus 1:3; Jonah 3:2-5; Acts 8:4, 15:35, 2 Timothy 4:2

- The Lord manifests his word through preaching and teaching

1 Samuel 28:6, 1 Samuel 9:27

- The Lord manifested his word through the high priest and prophets

6. The Holy Bible

2 Timothy 3:16

- God is the author of the Bible

Isaiah 29:11, 34:16

- The Bible is a sealed book (Proverbs 25:2) and only Jesus Christ can open up the Scriptures (Revelation 5) and give you an understanding of them (Luke 24:25-27, 31-32, 44-49). You are told to seek ye out of the book of the LORD. That must mean God has a book somewhere! I know which one it is (AV)!

Matthew 22:23-33, Exodus 3:1-6

- According to the Lord Jesus Christ, God speaks through the scriptures!

John 12:44-48, Daniel 7:9-10, Revelation 20:11-15

- The word of God, the Book of books, is opened and used as the standard of judgment.

God has his own copy of the Scriptures and it probably isn't the originals, but it's still good enough for God to judge the world by!!!!

Hebrews 4:12

- The word of God is alive and powerful and will cut you one way or the other: it will cut to your heart and convict you of sin, or it will circumcise the foreskin of your heart

In Conclusion

* Believe not every spirit; try them all by the Bible (1 John 4:1-6)

* If you feel like the Lord is speaking to you, and it matches up with that book, it probably is the Lord.

* If you feel like the Lord is speaking to you, and it doesn't match up with that book, it is not the Lord but some other spirit or your own imagination.

* Remember, out of all the ways God can speak to you, the surest form of revelation of the word of God is through the HOLY BIBLE. And again, the devil knowing this will try and corrupt, pervert, add to, take away from, undermine, and water down, the pure word of God, BUT at the same time, God promised to preserve his word (Psalm 12:6-7, if you have a KJV). It is just like the matter of the promised seed (By the way, the Bible is compared to as a seed – 1 Peter 1:23). The devil tried to corrupt it and destroy it but God preserved it: even so with the Bible. All I can say to that is...

THANK YOU JESUS!