

The Lord Jesus Christ: A Series of Ten Studies

Study 6: The Eternal Word – Part 2

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Reading: Hebrews 1:1-4

In superb Greek the writer of the letter to the Hebrews makes known the greatest of all messages, the supreme revelation of God to man. How did God speak to man in the past days? How has He finally spoken to man? Give examples from the Old Testament as to how God spoke to man. Look up the reference given for each and find a second example. God spoke to man:

- Through the Prophets
 1. What attribute of God did Isaiah particularly stress? (Isaiah 6:3)
 2. What attribute of God did Hosea particularly stress? (Hosea 14:4)
 3. What attribute of God did Amos particularly stress? (Amos 5:15)
- Through Visions – Genesis 15:1-6
- Through Dreams – Genesis 37:5-8
- Through Angels – Exodus 14:19
- Through Theophany – Genesis 18:1 (an appearance of God in human form)
- Through Christophany – Joshua 5:13-15 (an appearance of Christ before his incarnation)
- Through Miracles – Exodus 14:10-31
- Through Signs – Exodus 3:1-6
- Through Types in the Sacrificial System – Leviticus 16:15-16

Read the following passages and add second examples of the use of the following literary forms in the Old Testament:

- Song – Exodus 15:1-18
- Drama – Job 1
- Poem – Psalm 2
- Historical Narrative – Joshua 6:1-21
- Proverb – Proverbs 1:7

Finally, God has spoken to mankind through his Son who is the eternal living Word of God. God has revealed himself in the person of our Lord Jesus Christ. The messenger is also the message.

Jesus Christ – The Creative Word

Read 2 Corinthians 4:1-7 and reflect especially on v 6. We often divide the creational work of Jesus Christ from his redemptive work. We think of him as Redeemer but v 6 draws our attention to the fact that the same God who created the world by his word gives man through Jesus' spiritual illumination and understanding. We are renewed and sustained by the creative Word of God (Isaiah 40:31). 2 Corinthians 9:15 speaks of Jesus as being a gift beyond words. We often read the written scriptures but do not focus by the help of the Holy Spirit on God. We are meant so to read the written word that we find the living Word. It is possible to be like the Pharisees who searched the Old Testament scriptures but refused to come to the living Christ of whom the scriptures speak (John 5:39-40). Isaiah 40:8 finds its fulfillment in Jesus Christ. All things find their ultimate fulfillment in him (1 Peter 1:25). He is the good news. He is God's supreme communication. We are communicators – living letters read by the literate and the illiterate. So let us in true living and worthwhile speech press on to learn and make known Jesus Christ. Paul says: "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly". (Colossians 3:16). This refers to the written word that speaks of Jesus and to the living Word which is Jesus. He is the eternal Word. Hebrews 13:8 says of him: "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today and for ever".