

Captive's Corner



"Bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ"

2 Corinthians 10:5

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Why the Bible Is Omitted

Does God speak to us? If so, how? These are very important questions to be asking yourself,

God speaks to us through His creation - Romans 1:20.

because how you answer them will determine how you will live in your daily life. They will also determine if you can know where you are going to live in the life to come.

Yes, God does speak to us! He does so in two ways. First, He speaks to us through His Creation. Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ, wrote to

All Scripture is God breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work - 2 Timothy 3:16-17.

the believers in Jesus Christ at Rome that the invisible God reveals Himself through what we see all around us - Romans 1:20. Many years before Paul, David, a king of Israel, wrote in Psalm 19:1-4 that "The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of His hands. Day

after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge. There is no speech or

language where their voice is not heard. Their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world." Thus, we see that God exists and that He speaks to us in His Creation.

The second way God speaks to us is through His Word to us, the Bible. For many years God spoke to us by His prophets. Prophets are men that spoke forth the words that God put into their minds

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and hearts by His Spirit. What they said was exactly what God wanted them to say. Peter, a follower of Jesus Christ, told us that prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit (just like a sailboat is moved by the wind!). Isn't that amazing!

About 3,500 years ago God raised up a great prophet by the name of Moses. He was directed by God to lead His people out of Egypt. In Egypt they were slaves to a wicked ruler named Pharaoh. He caused them great hardship. He also ordered them to kill their male children. Moses was spared under the hand of God in order to be God's spokesman to His people. Moses led the people of God out of Egypt as God did many wonders and signs. He even parted a large sea in order for His people to pass through safely. Once out of Egypt God

spoke to His people through Moses. He gave them the ten commandments and other laws by which they were to live. Yet Moses spoke of another prophet who would come after him who would be greater than he was. He told the people to listen to Him.

Jesus Christ is that prophet. Jesus is God's Son Who has come to earth as man in order to deliver us from slavery to the wicked world ruler Satan. He has come to deliver us out of this world of hardship

Today, if we recognize our desperate need to be set free of our sins and from Satan's bondage, we can turn to Jesus by faith and receive His Spirit into our lives. God gives us a new life so that we can live in His kingdom and by His teachings - Ephesians 1:13; Colossians 1:12 - 14; John 5:24.

into His kingdom of love and righteousness. He has accomplished this redemption (purchase by payment of a ransom) by giving His life for us at a place called Calvary. We recognize this historic event each Easter, but our focus during that holiday is on His rising from the dead rather than on His death on the cross for our sins. Today, if we recognize our desperate need to be set free of our sins and from Satan's bondage,

we can turn to Jesus by faith and receive His Spirit into our lives. God gives us a new life so that we can live in His kingdom and by His teachings. Men who lived during the time of Jesus have been used by God to record His birth, life, death, resurrection, and ascension into heaven. They have done this so that we also can enjoy knowing God through Jesus Christ His Son. They, too, have written as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.

Obviously, God wants to speak to us of His good news. He wants us to know Who He is and all He has done, is doing, and yet will do for us. The Bible is what these men wrote. If we want to know Who God is and what He is like, we must read His Word to us. In these last days He has spoken to us by His Son. His teachings and work are recorded in the Bible. We are to listen to Him!

Now, in a world system that hates God, is it any wonder that attempts are constantly being made to remove His Word from our lives? God tells us in 2 Timothy 3:16-17 that He uses His Word to equip us to serve Him. No wonder the ruler of this world (Satan) does not want the Bible read or practiced. Yet, we do have a choice, don't we!

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