

when he ~~isn't~~ is thirsty. He does a certain amount of communication. It is quite interesting to see the dog come just outside the back door, stand there, face the door, and then bark. He says, ~~open~~ open the door, I want to come in. It is quite clear to us what he is trying to say. And yet if the complexity of the dog's thoughts are anything comparable to ours, certainly he reveals a tiny fraction of it to us. It is difficult for the dog to reveal ~~any~~ ideas of any complexity to us. We on the other hand, also have difficulty in revealing to the dog, but our difficulty is far less than his. We can get thoughts across to him far more than he can get to us. A dog can be taught a great deal by a clever man. It is usually not a question of the cleverness of the dog, but the cleverness of the man in getting his ideas across. We are able to reveal a very considerable amount to the ~~dog~~ dog and to convince him of quite a number of ideas, even though there is a limit to what we can get across to him. Now God of course is in a different situation altogether. God is the infinite One, God is omnipotent, God can understand all of our thoughts in our minds, before we ~~express~~ express them. His relation to us is not like our relation to the dog where we ~~have~~ have to look at him and see him getting restless and wonder if he is cold or hungry or thirsty, or what it is, and use various methods and try to find out, God understands just exactly what is in our minds. But God also can reveal Himself to us. He stoops to our limitations, ~~He~~ He uses our human words, He uses ~~me~~ human means, but He expresses His infinite ideas to us in such a way that as much of what He wants us to understand can be gotten to us as we are ready to appropriate it and to utilize. There is a progressiveness in revelation, but it is a progressiveness of God's preparing us to understand more, not a progressiveness of man seeking after God but a progressiveness of God's leading man forward so that man can understand more things.

The verse says God spoke in various ways and at various times. This is an important thing about revelation. We have to get ideas across, we have to find ways of doing it, Sometimes a little ~~dog~~ diagram will convey more idea than you could give in half an hour