

Hebrews 1: 1 and 2 "God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Has in these last days ~~spoken~~ spoken unto us by His Son, whom he has appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;"

"God," it say, "spoke" - at various times, and in divers manners in times past. And in what are here called "these last days", that is, the days comparatively recently, before the writing of the Book of Hebrews, He ~~had~~ had spoken by His Son.

"God spoke." That is a statement which could be taken as summarizing the Christian attitude toward the Bible. God has spoken. And the anti-Christian attitude-- which is very common today, might be summarized with the exact opposite: "God has not spoken." And of course the difference between these two can be pushed back still further to the question, "Is God dead?", or, ~~in~~ in other words, "Isn't there any God?" - or ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ "Is there? - a God who is real?" What is God? Is He something like a great statue somewhere? - that you go over and look at? you walk around? it? you measure it? you try to find out about it? And it will stay perfectly still all the time, for you to examine it. Or is God the One who does things? the One who speaks? the One who controls all things? the One whom you cannot examine, except as He permits you, to examine Him. The One who has done all that is important. The One who has given us this Book as His Word. Well, now, whichever way you start, on this vital question, is going to determine your attitude toward the Bible. I don't know as I like to say it quite that way either. I might say it this way: If you assume that God cannot speak; if you assume there is no God who does things, that will give you an entirely different attitude toward the Bible than if you don't assume that. Go to the Bible and say, "Here it is; here's a book; what does it say?" Well, it says, "God spoke" Look at the beginning of it; what does it say? It says "God created the universe." It says, "God made man." It says, "Man ~~is~~ disobeyed God; and man fell." And from this you learn that there is a God, who controls things, a God who speaks, a God against whom we have sinned, but a God who in His wonderful mercy, has provided a way of escape from sin. ~~But...~~