

I believe we should say that in providing this Word to us God performed three great miracles, and two great works of providence. Now I'm using the word miracle there in the common sense, not in the truly Scriptural sense which is a sign. But in the common sense of being a supernatural work which would be inconceivable apart from the action of God.

The first of these three great miracles is the miracle of revelation. Of course many think revelation is an old fashioned medieval concept, something that people thought about long ago but today is out. We have science and knowledge today. Actually 3/4 of what is known by the greatest scientists on earth comes to them thru revelation. Certainly 9/10 of what any high school science teacher knows comes to him by revelation because revelation simply means the transfer of ideas from one person to another. That's all that revelation means. And it is a tremendous thing when you think of it.

You look at me, you look at my hair, you look at what remains of it, you look at my face, and hear my voice, but unless I reveal to you the state in which I was born you would have one chance in 50 of guessing it correctly. You would not know I'm sure that I was born in Michigan if I did not reveal it to you or someone else reveal it to you.

Some scholars today have written books on interpretation, have written books on hermeneutics which practically make you think it is impossible to convey an idea from one person to another. In fact some philosophers today deny there is such a thing as an idea. But one of the common facts of life is revelation. The question is here do we actually have a revelation from God? The Bible tells us God caused certain people to have dreams, certain people to see visions, certain people to hear voices and He talked with Adam directly back and forth. But since sin came into the world He has generally used other means even with ~~xxxxxxx~~ Saul of Tarsus he gave him a vision, he gave him things ~~xxx~~ he saw, and there were a few words said, but He conveyed an idea to him. God has conveyed the ideas that are found in the Bible to the various individuals on earth.

Well, he does not often use that method today if He does at all because sin confuses. The demons and reveal and we think it is God who is revealing. I remember the story of the woman who went to a man in the church and said God has revealed to me that you are to marry me. He very properly answered, If that is God's will I'm sure He will reveal it to me too! We can easily be deceived but God revealed certain things to certain great individuals in the past. How did we get the story of the six days of creation? There was no man there to see at least not the first five! Nobody saw it. Did Adam have a vision God gave him in which he saw these events and then he described them? Did God express words in telling it? Or whatever method of revelation He used to give this information, did He give it to Adam or did He give it to Noah, or did He give it to Abraham? Or even