

## HEARING THE VOICE OF GOD

*“Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets,<sup>2</sup> but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world.”*

*(Heb. 1:1-2)*

God dealt with man according to times and seasons we normally refer to as dispensations. This is because God's original plan for dealing with man personally took a negative turn when man was deceived. That fellowship was affected by sin. God, however, never gave up on man but gradually related to man in a way such as would cause man to be drawn to Himself again.

The above scripture says that God spoke to our fathers by the prophets. That was in the Old Testament. Only prophets were privileged to hear God because they were intermediaries. They heard God's voice and communicated same to the people. Some of the prophets are Abraham, Moses, Samuel, David, Elijah etc.

However, the coming of Jesus Christ has brought to bear the ability to hear God's voice again. Primarily or fundamentally, Jesus was the voice of God to the world. The scripture above says that “...in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son...” When Jesus was being baptized this same voice of God was heard audibly as follows: *“<sup>16</sup>And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; <sup>17</sup>and behold, a voice from*

*heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”*

This was not the end of such a manifestation of the voice of God in the life of Jesus. One day He took Peter, James and John to a high mountain to pray and have fellowship with God together. Moses and Elijah appeared in the vision talking with Jesus. In that encounter God again confirmed Jesus as His Beloved Son whom they must hear: *“While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him.” (Mat 17:5)*

It means the voice of God in the time of Moses representing the Law and Elijah representing the prophets has been taken over by Jesus and He is now the voice of God to the world. If we want to hear the voice of God, we must of necessity hear Jesus. That is why we must read more about Jesus in the New Testament. God will speak to you by Jesus through His word. Do not expect thunder and lightning any more. It is much easier now. Go to the Bible, especially the New Testament.

## PRAYER &amp; CONFESSION

*Lord, speak to me by your word in Jesus' name. Amen!*