

Why doesn't God talk to us today?

- He used to talk to man:
 - Adam and Eve – Gen. 3
 - Noah – Gen. 6
 - Abraham – Gen. 12
 - Moses – Exodus 10
 - Prophets: Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Elijah, etc.
- Purpose: to declare His will for His people

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- God foretold of a time when He would no longer speak directly to man:
 - The prophets were rejected – **Neh. 9:26-30; Acts 7:51-53**
 - God promised of a time when all men could know Him – **Jer. 31:31-34**
 - Moses spoke of One who would come that must be heeded – **Deut. 18:15-19**

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- He no longer needs to speak to us directly:
 - God now speaks to us through His Son – **Heb. 1:2; 8:7-13; Acts 3:22-24; Matt. 17:5**
 - Miraculous gifts served two limited purposes: to confirm the Word taught, and to edify brethren – **Acts 3:11-12; 8:6, 12-13; 2 Cor. 12:12; Heb. 2:1-4; 1 Cor. 13:8-12**
 - No “new” teaching is needed – **Gal. 1:8-9**

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- It would undermine what He wants from His people: true hope and faith
 - Informed faith is assurance, conviction – **Heb. 2:3, 11:1**
 - We are to “walk by faith”, not physical sight – **2 Cor. 5:1-9**
 - Blessed are those who have faith without physical sight – **John 20:29-31**
 - Hope that is seen is not hope – **Rom. 8:24**
 - Requires an eye of faith – **Heb. 11:13; 12:2**

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God still speaks...through His Word and His saints

<p>We have everything we need - 2 Pet. 1:3-4</p>	<p>Are we “illustrating” His word? 2 Cor. 5:10-11, 20-21; 6:1-2</p>
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