3ABN SABBATH SCHOOL PANEL
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GOD'S SPOKESPEOPLE

What do the following texts reveal about how God has spoken to humanity after the entrance of sin?

1. **Spoke by Prophets**: **Hebrews 1:1** (NKJV) "God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the **prophets**."
2. **God Shows it to us:** **Romans 1:19-20** (NKJV) "because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them. (20) For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse."
3. **Spoke in a Dream:** **Numbers 12:6** (NKJV) "Then He said, "Hear now My words: If there is a prophet among you, I, the LORD, make Myself known to him in a vision; I speak to him in a dream."
4. **Speaks through His Word:** **2 Timothy 3:16-17** (NKJV) "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, (17) that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work."
5. **God spoke through Jesus:** **John 14:7-9 (NKJV)** "If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now on you know Him and have seen Him." (8) Philip said to Him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us." (9) Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, 'Show us the Father'?"
6. **God spoke through Jesus:** **John 10:27-30 (NKJV)** "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. (28) And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. (29) My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father's hand. (30) I and My Father are one.""

Sin separated humanity from God, but it did not silence God. From the beginning, God has continued reaching toward fallen humanity.

After Adam and Eve sinned, they hid, but God came looking for them:

"Then the LORD God called to Adam and said to him, 'Where are you?'"
—Genesis 3:9, NKJV

That question reveals the heart of God. **Humanity may run from God, but God continues seeking humanity**. Throughout history, **He has revealed Himself through creation, the prophets, Scripture, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit**.

1. God Speaks Through Creation —

“The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handiwork.” —Psalm 19:1, NKJV

Creation reveals God’s power, wisdom, order, and creativity. From the vastness of the universe to the complexity of the smallest living cell, nature testifies that creation is not an accident.

“For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made.” —Romans 1:20, NKJV

However, nature presents an incomplete picture because creation has been damaged by sin. Beauty and suffering exist side by side. Life reveals the Creator, while death reveals the consequences of the Fall.

“For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now.” —Romans 8:22, NKJV

Creation tells us that God is powerful, but we need something more to understand His character and plan of salvation.

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2. God Speaks Through the Prophets — 1½ minutes

“Surely the Lord GOD does nothing, Unless He reveals His secret to His servants the prophets.”—Amos 3:7, NKJV

God selected individuals to communicate His will to humanity. He spoke through Noah, Abraham, Moses, Samuel, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Daniel, and many others.

The **prophets carried different messages**, but **behind those messages was one central truth**: **God had not forgotten His people.**

“God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets…”—Hebrews 1:1, NKJV

Some prophets wrote books that became part of Scripture. Others, such as **Nathan, Gad, Elijah, and Elisha, delivered God’s messages without writing books of the Bible**.

Whether written or spoken, the **prophetic message declared**: God is **present**, God is **involved**, and God is **still calling His children home**.

3. God Speaks Through Scripture — 2 minutes

"All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness." —2 Timothy 3:16, NKJV

The Bible is not merely humanity's search for God. It is the inspired record of God revealing Himself to humanity.

Through Scripture, we discover:

- Who God is
- Who we are
- Where we came from
- Why sin and suffering exist
- How we should live
- Where history is going
- How we can receive eternal life

"Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path."—Psalm 119:105, NKJV

The Bible reveals **God's relentless love and His purpose for our lives**. It does not simply give us information; **it leads us into transformation**.

"Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth."—John 17:17, NKJV

Creation **reveals God's power**. The prophets **reveal God's messages**. Scripture **preserves God's truth**. But **God's clearest revelation came in a Person**.

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4. God Speaks Most Clearly Through Jesus Christ — 2 minutes

"God…has in these last days spoken to us by His Son."—Hebrews 1:1–2, NKJV

Jesus is the fullest and clearest revelation of God. If we want to know what the Father is like, we must look at Jesus.

"He who has seen Me has seen the Father."—John 14:9, NKJV

Jesus revealed that **God is compassionate toward the suffering**, **patient with the struggling**, **forgiving toward the repentant**, and **relentless in His pursuit of the lost**.

Just as God searched for Adam and Eve in Eden, Jesus came searching for fallen humanity:

"For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."—Luke 19:10, NKJV

At the cross, Jesus revealed the depth of the Father's love.

"But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."—Romans 5:8, NKJV

Jesus did not come to persuade an unwilling Father to love us. Jesus came because the Father already loved us.

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son."—John 3:16, NKJV

Through Christ's life, death, and resurrection, God fulfilled the promise made in Eden. Jesus took our place, bore our sins, defeated death, and opened the way to eternal life.

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5. God Speaks Through the Holy Spirit — 1 minute

After Jesus returned to heaven, God did not leave His people without guidance.

"However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth."—John 16:13, NKJV

The Holy Spirit continues the work of Christ by:

- Guiding us into truth
- Convicting us of sin
- Helping us understand Scripture
- Transforming our characters
- Preparing us for what is to come

The Spirit does not speak independently of Scripture or contradict Jesus. He directs our attention to Christ and brings the teachings of Jesus into our hearts.

"He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you."—John 16:14, NKJV

God's Message Is Love — 1 minute

God speaks through creation, showing us His power. He speaks through the prophets, revealing His will. He speaks through Scripture, giving us truth. He speaks through Jesus, showing us His heart. And He speaks through the Holy Spirit, guiding us into a living relationship with Him.

The clearest answer to the question, "What is God really like?" is Jesus Christ.

At the cross, we see that God would rather suffer for us than live without us. Jesus' self-sacrifice assures us that the Father is not distant, uncaring, or unwilling to save.

"God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself."
—2 Corinthians 5:19, NKJV

Closing Appeal

The question is not merely, **"Is God still speaking?"** The question is, **"Are we listening?"**

God has spoken through creation.
God has spoken through the prophets.
God has spoken through His Word.
God has spoken through His Son.
God is speaking through His Spirit.

"Today, if you will hear His voice, Do not harden your hearts."—Hebrews 3:15, NKJV

When you look at Jesus, you can know that you are loved, remembered, sought, forgiven, and invited to eternal life.