3ABN SABBATH SCHOOL PANEL
05 – Tuesday – October 25, 2026

General and Special Revelation

Read Hebrews 1:1, 2. Why is God so interested in speaking to us? What is He telling us through Jesus and the prophets?

Why Is God So Interested in Speaking to Us?

"God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by His Son."—Hebrews 1:1–2, NKJV

1. Because He Loves Us and Desires a Relationship With Us

God does not want to remain distant or unknown. Through the prophets and ultimately through Jesus, He reveals His heart and invites us into fellowship with Him.

"And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent."—John 17:3, NKJV

2. Because He Wants to Reveal What He Is Really Like

The prophets revealed aspects of God's character, but Jesus is the clearest and fullest revelation of the Father.

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

Through Jesus, God tells us that He is loving, compassionate, forgiving, just, and willing to sacrifice Himself to save us.

3. Because He Wants to Save Us From Sin

God's messages are not merely information; they are invitations to salvation. The prophets called people to repentance, while Jesus came to accomplish the salvation they foretold.

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

God is telling us that sin does not have to be the end of our story. Forgiveness, transformation, and eternal life are available through Christ.

4. Because He Wants to Guide and Prepare Us

Through the prophets, God warns His people of danger and directs them toward faithfulness. Through Jesus, He shows us how to live and prepares us for His eternal kingdom.

"I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."—John 14:6, NKJV

In summary: Through the prophets, God communicated His plans, warnings, promises, and calls to repentance. Through Jesus, He communicated His character, love, salvation, and desire to bring us home. God speaks because He loves us too much to leave us lost, confused, or without hope.

What would the Creator of the cosmos have to say to us?
Why does He communicate with us?

It is because we are fallen human beings in a sinful world and face death, suffering, and trials; God, therefore, speaks to us because He wants us to know why we are here, why things are so bad, and why, despite it all, we can hope in His love for us.

1. God Tells Us Who He Is

Through creation, God reveals His infinite power, wisdom, and divine nature.

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

The order, beauty, and complexity of the universe testify that an intelligent and powerful Creator exists.

2. God Explains Our Condition and Gives Meaning to Life

Because we live in a fallen world filled with suffering, trials, and death, God speaks to help us understand why the world is broken and why we are here. He reveals that sin—not His original design—is the source of humanity's suffering.

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

God's communication prevents us from facing life's pain without meaning or direction.

3. God Assures Us That We Have Hope

Creation reveals God's power, but His Word and Jesus Christ reveal His saving love. The Creator has not abandoned His fallen children; He speaks because He wants to rescue us and restore what sin has damaged.

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

God communicates with us because He wants us to know that we were created intentionally, that suffering will not last forever, and that eternal life is available through Jesus Christ.