

## **“GOD HAS SPOKEN”**

*“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).*

**“Authority”** has become a dirty word to many in our permissive pluralistic society. Authority, by its very nature, restricts one’s belief-system. It likewise restricts one’s behavior, which is especially distasteful to many. The truth of the matter, however, is that **“God has spoken.”** By reason of who God is, His word has the weight of absolute authority.

Prior to the coming of Christ, God’s message was through inspired prophets. Regarding chiefly the writings of Old Testament scripture, Paul wrote, “All scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works” (2 Timothy 3:16-17). Peter, in like manner, wrote concerning prophetic scripture, “We have also a more sure word of prophecy: whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts...for the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost” (2 Peter 1:19, 21). God now speaks to man also through His Son. This message, however, is not confined to the red letters in your Bible. Jesus told His chosen apostles, “He who hears you, hears Me: he who rejects you rejects Me, and he who rejects Me rejects Him who sent Me” (Luke 10:16). While Jesus’ apostles are no longer among us personally, their message is. That message is found in your New Testament. The apostle Paul wrote, “When you read, you may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ...as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to His holy apostles and prophets” (Ephesians 3:4-5).

While multitudes have a smorgasbord-faith, where they think they can pick-and-choose what to believe and what to reject, the true disciple of Jesus Christ will appreciate the fact that the totality of God’s word is truth(John 17:17), and will earnestly endeavor to conform his/her belief-system and conduct to that truth. -----Ron