

¹ God at sundry times and in diverse manners / at various times; literally, in fragments; and, bits and pieces; in many ways;

spoke in times past to the fathers in the prophets.

Dr. F.B. Meyer wrote, God spoke through men of various ranks and occupations and methods of thought. He spoke through shepherds and fishermen; warriors and kings. He spoke through the psalmist, the prophet and the priest. God spoke in different countries. He spoke in the deserts of Arabia; under the shadows of the pyramids; in the empire of Nebuchadnezzar; and in Persia, in Greece... and in Rome. He spoke in friendly letters; He spoke in songs and proverbs. He spoke in national history.



God... at various times and in many different ways... spoke to the fathers in the prophets / He spoke through prophets whose name likens them... to an up-rush of a geyser from its hidden source. And He spoke in bits and pieces: no one prophet could speak out all the truth. At best, each was entrusted to one or two syllables of God's mighty speech. He spoke in many forms: He spoke in the earthquake, and the fire and the tempest... and the still small voice. But it was the same One speaking:

God spoke.

Dr. Meyer says, As we cannot match two faces in a crowd, or two leaves in a forest, or two flowers in the woodlands.... It is as if the molds of what is produced and being shaped, as soon as a thing is made, each mold is smashed and cast aside, providing such an infinite field for investigation and enjoyment while prohibiting all fear of monotony; because everything seems to be unique, and yet alike; which is because the one Creator, our Father in heaven; He spoke in time past... to the fathers in bits and pieces;

² in these last days spoke to us in His Son / **on His calendar**, not ours. We know **the first days** were: Passover, Unleavened Bread, Firstfruits and Pentecost. So what are the last days? **Day of Trumpets, Day of Atoning; and Day of Tents.** [Learn more about that calendar in Leviticus 23](#); the writer of Hebrews says, **in the time when 3 days still remain on Messiah's calendar.** Meyer writes, It is remarkable to study the life of Jesus; He so utterly had emptied Himself that He originated nothing from Himself. He distinctly declared that the words He spoke, He spoke not of Himself; but that the words and works alike were the outcome of His Father who dwelt within. And it was to the horror of the high priests at His trial that He affirmed Himself: the Christ – the Messiah promised of God. And it was because He said God was His Father -- making Himself equal with God... that the Jewish leaders sought to kill Him.



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The writer of Hebrews says...

God... who spoke in bits and pieces, in time past to the fathers in the prophets,

in these last days spoke to us in His Son / 2000 years ago, **when countdown to these last days began** and this book was written, do you think anyone could believe how many would come with some new word, as if the Son of God forgot to tell us something. He told us everything His Father told Him. **What did Jesus forget to tell us?** Anyone who comes... since Jesus was here; everyone who has come... with a "new word" who thinks the Bible is inadequate, can be dismissed.

God in these last days... spoke to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir / inheritor of all things, by whom He also made the worlds;

³ **who being the brightness of His glory** / the radiance of His glory; who is the out-**raying** of His glory; the light beam, the brilliant manifestation... of His divine glory,

and the express image of His person / the exact representation of His being; the Greek word is: *χαρακτηρ...* **charaktar**; this word is used only this one time... in scripture: **here**. and we learn about the literal **character** of God's person, best understood by the maxim: like father, like son. Paul writes, **Jesus is the fullness of the Godhead bodily** -- **Colossians 2**. And what a wonderful character He is! In Him, we see devotion to His Father. In Him, we see joy and sadness; we see selfless compassion and love. And in these two figures note... the beam of light is inseparable from the sun; we cannot look directly into the sun, but we can see because of light. And the character is inseparable from the person; any form without character is lifeless.

God... in these last days spoke to us in His Son,

who being the brightness of His glory, and the character of His person,

upholding all things by the word of His power / in Greek: *phero*, meaning: **bringing forth** and sustaining; such as when we read of a tree: bringing forth fruit.

when He had by Himself purged our sins / without anybody's help... not yours, certainly not mine; no Mother Theresa, no Mother Mary... and definitely no hocus pocus priest! His first 4 workdays were busy; when He had cleansed us of our sins; already done; complete; and what do we read?

He sat down / so definitely: no more purging necessary! I like the New English Bible translation:

He took His seat!

at the right of the Majesty on high / now, that's better than any corporate box seat at the Staple's Center, don't you think?

⁴ **being made so much better than the angels** / being made far superior; than those exalted, sinless beings in the eternities; wonderful that they are... incredibly powerful that they are.

This book of Hebrews... oftentimes called: the Gospel of God... it starts out by introducing us and lifting us to the highest heavens; and to the Holy of holies... where the Light of Truth shines brightest on the Blessed Son, who outshines the best and most exalted of all God's creation. And it's interesting, compared to the book of Romans – the Gospel to the Gentiles... which starts by introducing us to the worst and most debased of fallen man needing re-creation... with the light of truth shining brightest on each of our miserable selves.

God spoke / but not in bits and pieces; **in these last days in His Son,**

being made far superior than the angels / the Jewish religion at the time His Son walked among us... had so elevated out of balance the position and responsibility of angels. And there are people in our time that want to make a big deal out of angels, too. If anyone wants to take bets, I think those lofty beings would want to butt-kick some people! They are servants of the living God which is what we are supposed to be; and I would think they are a lot more informed as to what's going on.

Because Jesus...**being made so far superior than the angels, as He has by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they** / and His superiority and more excellent Name... do not bother the citizens of heaven. Psalm 103 declares... these angels who excel in strength, who obey His voice, who do His pleasure... they gladly kneel and adore... this only begotten Son.

God... who in bits and pieces... at various times and in many different ways... spoke to our fathers through the prophets,

but in these last days... spoke to us **in His Son**, who is the express image, the character... of His person.

Every deed He did was ordered by His Father; every word He spoke was from His Father's heart. He is matchless! There is nobody like Him! And He is coming soon! So... look up! Our redemption... is near!

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