

the Lord said unto Solomon, and it doesn't say how **He** said it. Did the Lord appear to Solomon again after Solomon had fell into wickedness? Did the Lord give a direct message to Solomon here? Or did the Lord send Ahijah or some other prophet to Solomon to say these words to him? The passage in Kings here does not say. But it does state that a message came to Solomon from the Lord, and it sates that it came in specific words. So I would not be ~~xx~~ prepared on the bases of this Kings' passage to say that Ahijah did not make the prediction, but I would be prepared to say that the Lord made it and there is no evidences that would suggest that it was through Ahijah. How it was we simply are not told. Now I don't think anybody can say on the basis of this passage.\* It must have been that God spoke directly to Solomon. He would have spoken to him just as much as if Ahijah came and gave him the message. We ~~cannot~~ tell which way, but this we can tell. We are told that God ~~in some way~~ in some way gave a specific, definite message to God. There is revelation here, revelation from God to Solomon; and that, of course, is one of the outstanding features of the Bible, that we have revelation of God in words to people. That is something that rarely ever occurs in our present age. There are those who say it never occurs in this present age, and there are those who say ~~it~~ rarely occurs in this present age. We must agree that it does not occur frequently in this present age. ~~And~~ And since most of us will never have a directness from God to us, and if we think we do most of us will be mistaken in our thought, if we get a thought. Many a person gets it as a result of some sort of a phantasy ~~xxx~~ or imagine. Many a person gets it as a result of something they have eaten. Many a person has an experience which is purely physical or imaginary in these days, and it is difficult for us to screen them out sufficiently to make certain as to which might <sup>be</sup> actually God speaking in this day. But we can say that in this day we have God's Word that He's given us; we have this whole Book. ~~when~~ When He's got all that message for us there is no need of His speaking further or, perhaps I shouldn't say "no need", there is little if any need of His speaking directly to one of us today. Therefore, it is not to be expected that God will speak in the direct