

manner to one of us; that is, not the normal thing certainly today. But in the times before the revelation was complete we have abundant evidence in the Scripture that God did speak in this way to individuals. Of course, the modern mind would object to anything of that kind on the basis that we do not have it today and therefore it never existed. That is not really an argument. We have airplanes and skyscrapers today which never existed ~~at~~ through all the ages up to a century ago or with this century. You can say they never had them and therefore we never will, but we have them today. You can't say because we have something today we have always had it; you can't say because we don't have something today we've never had it. God can change His method if He chooses as much as a man can change his methods if he chooses. But it is not at all unnatural to think God would have spoken directly to human beings. If you believe in a personal God, it would be unnatural ~~not~~ to believe that He might do so if He chose to do so to human beings. For one person to speak to another is the most natural thing in the world. It is almost a part of personality, ~~the~~ desire to communicate and to express thought to another person. So this is one of those factors in the Bible which to the modern mind seems strange and unusual and some say it shows the Bible ~~to~~ be a tissue of falsehood while others say that the Bible is largely true but that when it says these things it means something different. — When it says ^{id} that Ahijah ~~said~~ said God was going to take the kingdom away, what He really means is that Ahijah saw the condition and saw ^{how} the thing was heading up toward a division, and ~~xxxx~~ he simply in order to get people to listen to him said God had said it. That is hardly a view which Christians can take, but it is the ~~view~~ view which all modernists take about ~~xxx~~ such matters. The prophet spoke not as representing the message God gave them, but as representing the insight which they had in the condition, and the clever way in which they were able to see the signs of the times and to reason on what was coming. That is the modern interpretation of every action of the prophets, that it showed the brilliance of his mind rather than that he was a messenger for the Lord. So in this case we are looking at for the moment where Solomon