

It's a real pleasure to be with you here this evening. It's a big subject to try and handle in twenty minutes. All I can do is introduce it, but I will try to make one or two points as to what I mean -- I think that's the way to say it, perhaps; it's the conservative view I've been asked to give, and since that's the view I personally hold, I will say what it is I mean -- when I say that I believe that the Bible is the Word of God.

Well, now, it is one of the easiest concepts, in my opinion, in the world; and at the same time, one of the most difficult. There is one view on which it is an extremely simple thing, and there is another on which it is rather a complex thing. The word is one of the simplest things in life, and it is also one of the most complex. Now I will say just a word about both of these aspects before I'm through; but I'd like to start with a verse of Scripture which I think summarizes what I mean by "the Word of God" as well as anything in the Bible. I will read the first three verses of the book of Hebrews;

God, who at sundry times and in diverse manner spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by His Son, whom He hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also He made the worlds; who, being the brightness of His glory, and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the majesty on high. (Hebr. 1:1-3.)

We could take just two words out of the first verse, "God spoke". That's what I mean by the Bible's being the Word of God: "God spoke". We read here that God has spoken in two ways; He spoke first through the prophets in many different ways, through the prophets in ancient times; then we read that in these last days He has spoken unto us by His Son. "God spoke." Revelation.