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various ways in the past. The greatest way that God spoke was through the Lord Jesus Christ, but God still speaks. God spoke in the past. God speaks to us today. But how does He speak to us today? He speaks to us today through the Bible. Because the Bible, by inspiration of the Holy Spirit, the whole book is kept from error. Parts of the Bible were given by revelation. Parts of it are what the writers saw. Parts of it are what they observed. Parts of it are the thoughts which they worked out under the guidance of the ~~Holy~~ Spirit of God, and parts are revelation ~~of~~ <sup>from</sup> God to them. But all of it is inspired; all is kept free from error; and therefore all of it is God speaking to us. Because all of it gives us God's truth. And so God speaks to us today through the Bible. And rarely does God speak today in any other way. I'm not ready to say, "Never." If God chooses in some great emergency He might choose to speak directly to you or to me; I won't say that He might not do that. But I will say that if you think He has, there's <sup>a</sup> ~~an~~ mighty big chance you're mistaken, because Satan can speak too, and our own sinful feelings can affect us and make us think that things come from God.

But we can be sure it is God speaking when we study His Word and see what is taught there; and when we find what the Bible teaches we can stand upon it, and we can know that it will stand. And, Oh, how wonderful ~~them~~ the most important teaching of all the Bible, that God speaks to tell us we're lost in sinn, but He tells us that in the Lord Jesus Christ we can find deliverance. He tells us that we can be rescued from this morass into which we have fallen through our sin - by looking to the Lord Jesus Christ in simple faith and being born again into the kingdom of God. Oh, may God enable us, each one, to make sure that we have looked in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ and been saved through Him. And may God enable us, each one, to be instruments through whom He can speak to others, pointing them to His Word, and to the Lord Jesus Christ who died that whosoever believeth on Him might not perish, but have eternal life. Let ~~us~~ us pray: