

Doctrine of the Ways God Speaks

1. God speaks to individuals bodily and personally.
 - *Genesis 3:8 And they heard the voice of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God amongst the trees of the garden. 9 And the Lord God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou?*
2. God speaks directly.
 - *Hosea 3:1 Then said the LORD unto me...*
3. God speaks through dreams.
 - *Genesis 20:3 But God came to Abimelech in a dream by night, and said to him, Behold, thou art but a dead man, for the woman which thou hast taken; for she is a man's wife.*
4. God speaks through visions.
 - *Genesis 15:1 After these things the word of the Lord came unto Abram in a vision, saying, Fear not, Abram: I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward.*
5. God speaks through prophets.
 - *Deuteronomy 18:15 The Lord thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken;*
6. God speaks through His Word.
 - *Psalms 119:105 Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.*
7. God speaks through the memory of His word.
 - *Acts 11:15 And as I began to speak, the Holy Ghost fell on them, as on us at the beginning. 16 Then remembered I the word of the Lord, how that he said, John indeed baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost. 17 Forasmuch then as God gave them the like gift as he did unto us, who believed on the Lord Jesus Christ; what was I, that I could withstand God?*
8. God speaks through angels.
 - *Genesis 16:9 And the angel of the Lord said unto her [Hagar], Return to thy mistress [Sarah], and submit thyself under her hands. 10 And the angel of the Lord said unto her, I will multiply thy seed exceedingly, that it shall not be numbered for multitude. 11 And the angel of the Lord said unto her, Behold, thou art with child, and shalt bear a son, and shalt call his name Ishmael; because the Lord hath heard thy affliction.*

9. God speaks through Jesus Christ His Son.

- *Hebrews 1:1 God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, 2 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;*

10. God speaks through the apostles.

- *Galatians 1:1 Paul, an apostle, (not of men, neither by man, but by Jesus Christ, and God the Father, who raised him from the dead ;).*

11. God speaks through circumstances.

- *Acts 10:17 Now while Peter doubted in himself what this vision which he had seen should mean, behold, the men which were sent from Cornelius had made inquiry for Simon's house, and stood before the gate, 18 And called, and asked whether Simon, which was surnamed Peter, were lodged there. 19 While Peter thought on the vision, the Spirit said unto him, Behold, three men seek thee. 20 Arise therefore, and get thee down, and go with them, doubting nothing: for I have sent them.*

12. God always speaks in the language of the people to whom He is addressing. There is no such thing as an “unknown” language in the Bible. The word “unknown” has been inserted by the translators of the KJV to clarify the passage but instead it has caused much confusion and harm.

- Hebrew is the main language of the Old Testament.
- Aramaic accounts for about 250 verses out of a total of over 23,000 (Ezra 4:8; 6:18 and 7:12-26. Daniel 2:4, 7:28; and the gloss in Jeremiah 10:11 and Genesis 31:47).
- Greek is the language of the New Testament.