

HOW DID GOD REVEAL HUS WILL? (2)

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The prophets prophesied about Christ. “The LORD your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your midst, from your brethren. Him you shall hear, according to all you desired of the LORD your God in Horeb in the day of the assembly, saying, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God, nor let me see this great fire anymore, lest I die.’ And the LORD said to me: ‘What they have spoken is good. I will raise up for them a Prophet like you from among their brethren, and will put My words in His mouth, and He shall speak to them all that I command Him.’” {Deuteronomy 18:15-18} God would send another spokesperson – His own Son.

“While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and suddenly a voice came out of the cloud, saying, ‘This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!’” {Matthew 17:5} When Jesus came on the scene, it was obvious that God had sent Him. “This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, ‘Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him.’” {John 3:2} Many did not like the message Jesus taught during His public ministry. But they understood that He taught and spoke in a different manner. “The officers answered, ‘No man ever spoke like this Man!’ Then the Pharisees answered them, ‘Are you also deceived? Have any of the rulers or the Pharisees believed in Him?’” {John 7:46-48} Those who heard His memorable and powerful Sermon on the Mount knew He spoke with authority {Matthew 7:29}.

Jesus commissioned the Apostles. “And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, ‘All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.’” {Matthew 28:18-20} Just before Jesus’ betrayal, He assured the apostles that He would help them by sending the Holy Spirit. “However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.” {John 16:13} He made this promise more than once during that final conversation {John 14:16,17; 26,27; 15:26,27; 16:7}. Prior to His ascension back to heaven, Jesus instructed them to wait in Jerusalem where they would receive “power from on high” {Acts 1:8}.

Revelation through His word. “But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God.” {1 Corinthians 2:10-12} The inspired word reveals God’s mind to us – it’s all we need to know {2 Peter 1:3; 2 Timothy 3:16,17}.

Only by the unbeliever’s hearing of God’s revealed words can faith be produced in his heart {Romans 10:17}. Have you received the last will and testament of Jesus Christ? No other message will be forthcoming, and no message but the “words of life” {John 6:63} can tell you how to please God.

He is speaking today to those who will listen. Men everywhere need to open their minds and their Bible and listen to the powerful message of the cross and redemption. Sadly, many are speaking "other messages" that cannot save or bring one into a relationship with Christ. Each person needs to ask himself if he is listening to God's word or the words of men? God's will can only make one a true Christian! ***