

The Correspondent



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For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth... in every place. (1 Thessalonians 1:8)

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Why Would God Speak to Man? -Renn Ferguson

One of my instructors wrote the book “The Book God Breathed”. The point of this book is to prove that the Bible is the inspired word of God. He goes through many different passages and avenues to show that every word that we have was given by God. This study is always interesting to me because the inspiration of the Bible is always under attack. As I was reading he began to address the question of why did God speak to man? During this section he pointed out a few things that are very important and I would like to share them with you in this article.

The first thing to consider when discussing why God would speak to man is His love for man. A great passage to look at is Romans 8:35-39. Paul here declares that there is absolutely nothing that can separate us from the love of God. Our God has loved us more than we could possibly imagine, even when we deserved it the least. This sentiment is recorded in Romans 5:8, “but God shows his love for us, in that , while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” Christ also draws our attention to the love of God in John 3:16, “for God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.” This love is the first reason as to why God would give us His inspired word.

The second reason to consider is that God gave us His word so that we can know ourselves. What does that mean? It means that He gave us His word so that we will know where we came from. He said in Genesis 1:26, “... Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” As we see in this verse He gave us power and authority over life on earth. God wrote His word to show us where we came from and, to show us our place in His creation.

The third reason God spoke to man is to show His will for us. This reason is largely connected with the first. It is because of God’s love that He made His will known to us. Peter wrote, “His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence,” (2 Peter 1:3). Without God revealing what He wants from us we would have no idea what to do, and no hope. Jeremiah said, “I know, O LORD, that the way of man is not in himself, that it is not in man who walks to direct his steps.” (Jeremiah 10:23). Man needs God to tell him what to do. The plan of God for man can only be found in His inspired word. Thankfully, God revealed this plan by inspiration to many different men who then, by inspiration, recorded it for us to have.

There are many questions that arise when beginning to discuss the topic of inspiration and one of them is why? We have noticed that the reason why God gave us His inspired word because: He loves us, we need to know ourselves, and we need to know His will for us.