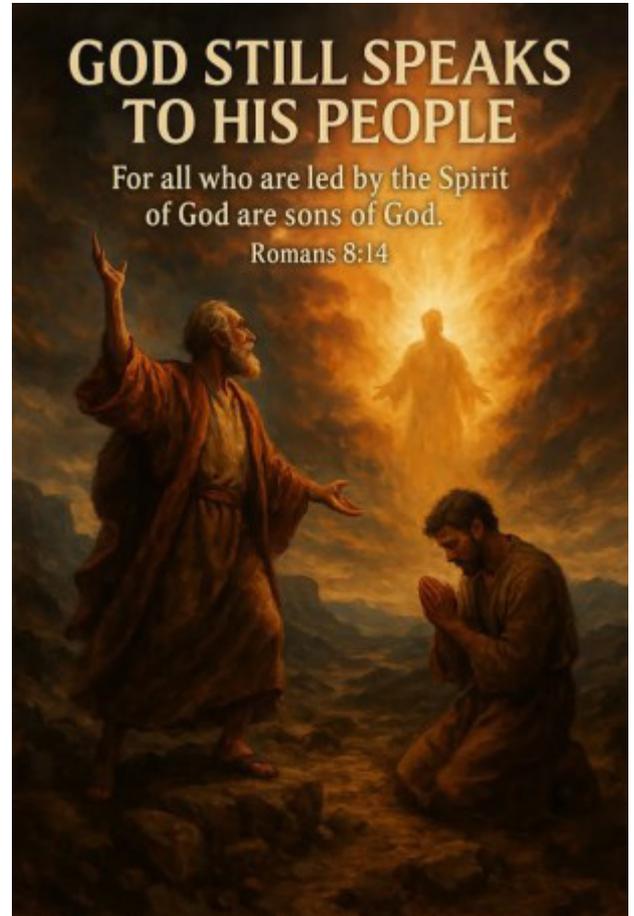


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There are scholars who claim God does not speak to us today. I just pity them. They are missing out on a great experience.

While many believe the miraculous spiritual gifts have ceased (1 Corinthians 13:8-10), the Holy Spirit is still active, still

teaching, still guiding.

God speaks to us through His Word. That is the voice of God to this generation. The Word is living and active.

Hebrews 4:12 "For the word of God is living and active, and sharper than any two-edged sword, even penetrating as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart."

The Spirit of God leads and convicts through Scripture. This is not dead ink on paper, this is the mind of God made known.

He speaks through providence. He opens and closes doors. He gives wisdom and clarity when we ask in faith.

James 1:5 "But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him."

Jesus promised the Spirit would teach us all things and bring His words to our remembrance. That promise was for the apostles (John 14:26), but the principle holds: God teaches through His revealed truth.

We who hold to the fulfilled view understand that the kingdom is here, Christ is reigning, and His Spirit indwells us. That is a present reality, not a future hope.

Romans 8:14 "For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons and daughters of God."

The fulfilled kingdom is not silent. God does not leave His people without direction.

Through Scripture, through conscience trained by truth, and through the Body of Christ, God still speaks.

The tragedy is not that God is silent, but that many simply are not listening.

Revelation 3:20 "Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and will dine with him, and he with Me."

That was said to the first-century church, but the invitation reveals the heart of God. He seeks fellowship with His people.

God is not distant. He is not silent. He is present in the lives of His people, reigning from Heaven, speaking through His Word, and leading His church in truth.

Final Thought: I pity those who do not hear God speak through His Word. They are missing communion, correction, and comfort that only comes through walking with the Lord. Open your Bible. Listen. He is speaking.

Thank you Alf, you're right!

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