



“God Has Spoken”

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“If God would only speak to me, I would know He is there,” my friend told me one day. He seemed skeptical of the existence of God or the perceived silence of God concerning his own direction in life. Perhaps many of us would long for a type of a burning bush experience and that God would set a course for us through the next forty years.

But God has not been silent in the many ways He has dealt with humankind through the centuries. Hebrews 1:1 bears record of a God who bore witness through prophets and many other means in His communication with humankind. Finally, He sent His only Son down to this planet to live among fallen humans. These humans rejected His Son and sentenced the Son to death.

God says in Hebrews 1:2 that His important “Last Days” Word for humans is His **Son**. And here is why ...

1. The Son is the “**HEIR of all things**.” There has to be a *relationship* for Him to be **heir**. When God sought to reach a world refusing to listen, He sent his Son, the heir of everything. He who is heir of everything came to make us joint heirs with Him! See Rom. 8:17 and 1 Peter 1:3-4.

2. The Son “**MADE the AGES**.” He is the *creator* of the ages. – Col. 1:16-17 God is timeless; we are bound by time. The triune God created time and everything else in six literal days. Then God’s Son stepped out of eternity to move to our planet, born of a virgin in time and space humanity to provide an eternity for us! –Gal. 4:4

3. The Son “is The **BRIGHTNESS of God’s glory**.” He is *light*. John 1:3 tells us that He is life and light too. When God spoke, “*Let there be light*” there was light. There was a visible manifestation of blinding light as Jesus was transformed before the eyes of three most trusted disciples on the mount of transfiguration. Simeon Peter never forgot this –2 Peter 1:16-17. John likewise witnessed such a brightness “*as the sun*” in radiance –Rev. 1:16. In our eternal state in heaven, “*There is no need for sun nor moon... for the Lamb of God is the light thereof*” –Rev. 21:23. There will be no night there!

4. The Son is “the **EXACT IMPRESS (image)**.” The *Substance* of God. Jesus never claimed to be anything but God. In John 10:30, He said “*I and the Father are one.*” When Philip asked Jesus to “*show us the Father...*” He answered him directly: “*Have I been with you so long yet you still do not know me...He that has seen me has seen the Father*” –John 14:9.

5. The Son “**UPHOLDS** all things by a **WORD of His power**.” He is the *Sustainer of everything*. “...*By Him all things consist*” –Col. 1:17; From Moses and the burning bush to every generation He is the great “*YAm!*” –John 8:58 Jesus is Lord: He is the **END** of all history – *Heir*; He is the **BEGINNING** of all history – *Creator*; He is **BEFORE** all history – *Image of God*; He is **TROUGHOUT** all history – *The Upholder of all things*.

6. The Son “Himself **PURGED** our sins.” Jesus *cleanses sinners*. Only the Lamb of God could take away the sins of the world –John 1:29. *No man purposely dying for others ever came back to a second life to present the finished first life to God*. Jesus was the only perfect human sacrifice which would satisfy His Father’s demand for righteousness, after He conquered death itself!

7. The Son “**SAT on the RIGHT hand of MAJESTY on HIGH**.” He is *exalted*. Earthly priests never finished their daily chores. There was no chair in the tabernacle or the Temple. They “...*stood daily offering many sacrifices which could never take away sins. But (Jesus) offered one sacrifice for sins forever and sat down on the right hand of God*” –Heb. 10:11-12. His work of removing our sins forever is finished! Many Scriptures bear record of Jesus’ seated, victorious, finished work! Heb.1:3; 8:1; 10:12; 12:2; Matt. 22:44; Mark 12:36;16:19; Luke 22:69; Acts 2:34; Col. 3:1; Psalm 110:1. He did what no other man could do, and so rises above all men who have ever graced this planet as “*The Greatest Man Who Ever Lives!*”

Jesus is clearly Lord of Glory, our only Savior! God has spoken once and for all! Jesus is the **only** answer to our sin problem –Luke 19:10; “*How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation?*” –Hebrews 2:3. Confess your sin; Call upon the Great Savior today, our **only hope!** –Romans 10:13.

RECIPES

Rosie's Traditional Irish Soda Bread

- 3 ½ cups flour
- ½ cup sugar
- ½ tsp baking soda
- 2 tsp baking powder
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 pint sour cream
- 2 eggs
- ¾ cup raisins
- 2 tbsp caraway seeds (Optional)

Combine dry ingredients together in a large bowl. In a small bowl, beat the eggs, then stir in the sour cream. Add the sour cream mixture to the dry ingredients and stir with a wooden spoon (The batter will be very thick). Add the raisins (and caraway seeds) and stir well with a wooden spoon or knead with your hands.

Place the batter in a greased 9-inch springform pan. Dust the top with enough flour so you can pat the batter into the pan evenly without it sticking to your hands. With a knife, make a shallow crisscross on the top. Bake at 350° for 50 minutes.

“This Irish soda bread was passed on to me by a dear friend who was born in Ireland. It has a much higher, lighter, and softer texture than most.”

Helpful Hints

- If your microwave is really dirty, put a damp cloth in and microwave it for 30-45 seconds, let it sit to cool down, then use it to wipe it down. The steam releases all the stuck-on food.
- Fruit fly problems? Fill a glass partway with red wine vinegar. Cover the top of the glass with plastic wrap, then poke holes in it. Fruit flies are attracted to the red wine vinegar and end up drowning themselves.
- Use peanut butter to get gum out of hair without needing to cut the hair.
- Make your rooms smell good by using 1 or 2 dryer sheets in your vacuum cleaner's air filter.

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love of Christ?"
-Romans 8:35*

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On the Lighter Side: "An Irish Blessing"

You may have heard the Irish blessing,

May the road rise to meet you,

and the wind always be at your back.

May the sun shine warm on your face

and the rains fall softly on your fields.

And until we meet again

May God hold you gently in the palm of his hand.

But you've probably never heard this one!

May those who love us, love us

And those who don't love us,

May God turn their hearts

And if he can't turn their hearts,

May he turn their ankles

So we will know them by their limping!

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BRM Field Report #2

BRM Associate Steve Barack has taken a position as interim Pastor at Village Baptist Church, 9850 N 400 W, Lake Village, IN 46349

Forest Preserve Bible Church has hired Michael Freeman to be their new Pastor. He will start in March 15th. We are grateful for the BRM-affiliated pastor who has been filling the pulpit!

Griffith Baptist Church has also hired Bryc Clayton as their next Senior Pastor. He started on February 1st. We are grateful for BRM Associate Steve Barack filling the pulpit!

Dolores Bauer visited Marion Hills Bible Church in Darien, IL, on February 15th. She reports that the church is growing and took in 9 new members on February 22nd.

Interim President Fernando Garza will be speaking at Parker Road Bible Church on Sunday, March 15th, for their Moments with the Missionary during the morning service

BRM is here for you! As we wait on God to provide BRM with a new Executive Director, Fernando Garza (BRM Interim President), along with Dolores and the BRM Associate Pastors, are working together to fulfill BRM's mission. The phone lines are open and manned. Don't hesitate to call with any questions, needs, concerns, or issues.

We would like to offer our condolences and ask for prayers for the family of Pastor Richard Hopkins at the passing of his wife, Lynn, and the family of Pastor Frank Volpe at the passing of his father, Dwight.

Please continue to pray for BRM:

1. For God to provide a new Executive Director
2. For God's wisdom and guidance for the BRM Board