

Does God Speak Today?

BIBLICAL ARGUMENTS AGAINST GOD SPEAKING TODAY...
(...AND WHY THEY ARE WRONG!)

1. God used to speak through prophets, but no longer

Hebrews 1:1-3 *Throughout our history God has spoken to our ancestors by his prophets in many different ways. The revelation he gave them was only a fragment at a time, building one truth upon another.* ² **But to us living in these last days, God now speaks to us openly in the language of a Son,** the appointed Heir of everything, for through him God created the panorama of all things and all time. ³ *The Son is the dazzling radiance of God's splendor, the exact expression of God's true nature—his mirror image! He holds the universe together and expands it by the mighty power of his spoken word. He accomplished for us the complete cleansing of sins, and then took his seat on the highest throne at the right hand of the majestic One.*

2. If you have the Scripture, you are "thoroughly equipped." You don't need more

2 Timothy 3:16-17 *All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,* ¹⁷ *so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.*

3. Direct revelation came only to extraordinary believers or those closely connected to them

4. Direct revelation was necessary because the Bible was not yet complete

5. The Bible never commands us to listen for or expect direct revelation

6. According to the Bible, direct revelation was audible and/or crystal clear

2 Corinthians 4:8 *We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; we are always perplexed but never despairing...*