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- **He used to talk to man:**
 - Adam and Eve – Gen. 3
 - Noah – Gen. 6
 - Abraham – Gen. 12
 - Moses – Exodus 10
 - Prophets: Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Elijah, etc.
- **Purpose: to declare His will for His people**

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- **He no longer needs to speak to us directly:**
 - **The prophets were rejected – Neh. 9:30**
 - **God promised of a time when all men could know Him – Jer. 31:31**
 - **Moses spoke of One who would come that must be heeded – Deut. 18:15**

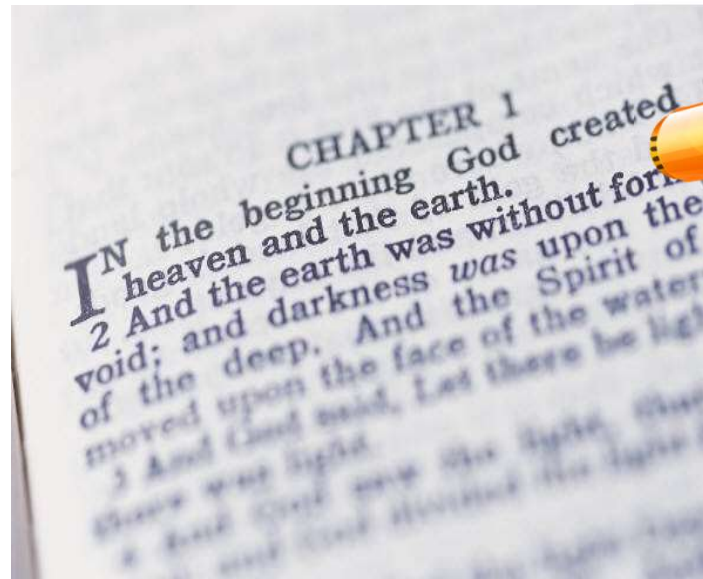
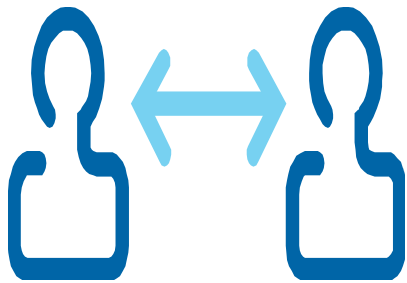
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 - **God now speaks to us through His Son – Heb. 1:1**
 - **Miraculous gifts served two limited purposes: to confirm the Word taught, and to encourage brethren – I Cor. 13:8-10; Eph. 4:11-15**
 - **There will be no new revelations – Gal. 1:6-9**

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- **It would undermine what He wants from His people: true faith and hope (Jn. 4:23)**
 - **Informed faith provides assurance, conviction – Heb. 1:1, 11:1**
 - **We walk by faith – II Cor. 5:7**
 - **Blessed are those who have faith without sight – John 20:29-31**
 - **Hope that is seen is not hope – Rom. 8:24**
 - **Requires us to look forward – Heb. 11:13**

God still speaks...through His word and His people



He has given us
everything we need
– II Pet. 1:3-4

Are we “illustrating”
His word?