

DOES GOD SPEAK TODAY?

2 Chronicles 7:14

Romans 10:14

Introduction: Today we are living in a very unusual age where everything is rush and hurry. We are living at such a pace that we seldom get to completely finish anything. Our age of living seemingly calls for anxiety and stress in every waking moment. There is also the constant threat of world destroying war and the forces of evil are present everywhere.

Morals are thrown to the winds it seems by every class of American people. Our world is becoming pagan at a tremendous speed and all the professing Christians are but a tiny drop in the ocean compared to the godless people of this time. Our age is getting to be no different than the godless, pagan times the Bible so vividly describes. Where is God? Why doesn't God speak out as He did in times past?

I. GOD IS THE ONLY ANSWER TO THE WORLD'S SITUATION (2 Chron. 7:14)

1. God was the answer to the problems Adam faced in the Garden of Eden.
2. God was the answer to the problems of the world in Noah's day.
3. God was the answer during the Old Testament days and the Prophets.
4. God was the answer to the problems of the New Testament times with the Disciples and the Church beginning.
5. All through the centuries, whatever the problem, God has always been the answer.
6. God is the answer to our world's situation, but where is God today?

II. WHERE IS GOD TODAY? WHY DON'T WE HEAR HIS VOICE?

1. God has not changed. He is still against the sins of our day as well as the days of old.
 - God spoke directly to people or used angels or used prophets.
 - When the people provoked Him.
 - When the people rebelled against His commandments.
 - When the people lived in wickedness.
 - When the people were unrighteous.
 - When the people loved sins of the flesh.
2. During the New Testament days God spoke through Jesus, the Disciples and the Church.
 - When the people provoked Him.
 - When the people rebelled against His commandments.
 - When the people lived in wickedness.
 - When the people were unrighteous.
 - When the people were guilty of all manner of sin.
3. Our world is as sinful today as in the days past, so if God does not speak directly nor speak through angels, nor through prophets, nor is Jesus or the Disciples here to speak and there are no thunderings from the heavens or lightnings, just how does God speak today?

- God is still the supreme ruler.
- God has not changed.
- God is still on His throne.
- God is still against sin.
- God still cares for people.
- So, where is God? If He is speaking, why isn't He heard?

III. GOD SPEAKS THROUGH HIS PRINTED WORD TODAY (Romans 10:14)

1. The way God is heard today is through His Bible, His printed Word.
 - If one does not read God's Word, then God's Word is not heard.
 - Many of our hymns came from God's Word.
 - Prayers come from God's Word.
 - To know what God has to say, then one must go to God's Word, the Bible.
2. What God said in person, what God's prophets were told to say, what the angels said, what Jesus and His disciples said, and what the early church missionaries said, go to the Bible.
3. What God has to say to our nation and our world can be found in His Word, the Bible.
4. Who is to tell others what God's Word says? God's voice is not heard, the prophets are dead and gone, Jesus and His disciples are gone, but.....THE CHURCH IS STILL HERE!
We are God's voice! We are to tell the world what God says.
5. Where are the prophets? Where are the disciples? Where are those who hurried off to tell others, like Lydia, the woman at the well, the jailer, the nobleman, the John the Baptists? Where are those who stood up and openly declared "thus saith the Lord?" They are here in this very room....US ! We are God's prophets, we are God's disciples, we are the Lydias, we are the woman at the well, we are the nobleman, we are John the Baptist, we are the ones to hurry off to tell others about Jesus. THE CHURCH!

CONCLUSION:

1. If we, God's people, called Christians, His Church, would stand up, speak up, and not back down nor remain silent about what God says, then God can bring our nation back to where He wants it and where it should have never left.
2. If we, God's people remain as we have been, then our nation and the world will never hear what God has to say, for we have been silent. No doubt most of us would give our lives gladly and quickly for our Lord, yet we hesitate to tell others what God has to say. Let us stand up and speak out what God says.
3. It brings shame to God in that less than 20% of this nation are taking God's name out of everything and the remaining 80% who claim to be Christians remain silent. Christian YOU are God's voice for today. Now speak God's Word.