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# THE CHAPMAN CHALLENGER

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## Does God Speak to You? By Seth Myers

Does God speak to you? Has God ever spoken to you? Do you know someone who claims that God has spoken to them?

Many claims about God today can be easily countered by what God Himself has said in His word. One of those claims is that of God "speaking" to men directly today. But let us read the words of the Holy Spirit Himself in this connection: "Long ago, God spoke to our fathers at many times and in many different ways. But in these last days He has spoken to us by His Son, whom He appointed the heir of all things, through whom also He created the world" (Hebrews 1:1-2).

Let us "unpack" and consider these "God-breathed" words:

"Long ago," something happened.

This thing happened "at many times and in many ways."

This thing was that "God spoke" to men, primarily via prophets.

"But in these last days" (the Christian age), it is different.

It is different in that God no longer SPEAKS to man "in many ways."

Instead, "He HAS SPOKEN to us by His Son."

When we pair this with many other relevant statements in the New Testament, it becomes abundantly clear that God has already given us the word that He wants us to have, for all things spiritual, and for all time. He does NOT speak to people directly or verbally today.

The apostle Paul once reminded some Christians that he had received the gospel by direct revelation from the Lord (Eph. 3:3; cp. Gal. 1:11,12); but he did not lead them to believe that they should expect the same. Rather, he told them how they could "perceive" what he had received: "when you read this [what I have written]" (Eph. 3:4).

And so it is for all of us. God does speak to man today—but He does it exclusively through His written word. Do you let God speak to you by studying His word?

"The one who rejects Me and does not receive My words has a judge; the word that I HAVE SPOKEN will judge him on the last day." (John 12:48).

## OUR RECORD

April 19, 2020

Sunday Bible Study: NO SERVICE  
Sunday Morning Worship: NO SERVICE  
Sunday Evening Worship: NO SERVICE  
Wednesday Night Bible Study: NO SERVICE  
Budget: \$3,500  
Contribution this week: NO SERVICE

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## WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

1. **Hear** the Gospel (Romans 10:13-17).
2. **Believe** the Gospel (Acts 15:7; Mark 16:15, 16).
3. **Repent** of Sins (Acts 3:19).
4. **Confess** Faith in Christ (Acts 8:37).
5. **Be Baptized** for Remission of Sins (Acts 2:38).
6. **Be Faithful** (Revelation 2:10).

## A MOST UNUSUAL KING JAMES EXPRESSION

Charles Box

Many of us grew up hearing and reading the wonderful King James Version of the Bible. In 1603 when King James I became King of England he faced a religiously divided nation. Some suggested that the problems had to do with different Bible translations. John Rainolds, president of Corpus Christi College at Oxford, England suggested the making of a new translation that would be so good that it would win the approval of every religious person. King James took charge and led to getting the translation completed. 54 men were selected for the task on June 30, 1604. Only 47 of those names appear on the list of those who actually did the translation. The translation was completed in 1611. The King James Version has even been called the "Authorized Version." Copies of the King James Version of the Bible have been sold throughout the world. The most used edition of the King James Bible, often identified simply as the King James Version, especially in the United States, remains the standard text printed in 1769. There are some unusual expressions in the King James Version. One such expression is the words "To Wit." "To Wit" means "to know." An example of the expression was when Moses was placed in an ark of bulrushes along the banks of the Nile River. The Bible says, "His sister stood afar off, to wit what would be done to him." (Exodus 2:4) She stood there to watch and to see and to know what would happen to him. The expression "To Wit" is found in three New Testament verses. From each use we learn a valuable lesson.

**The "To Wit" of the redemption of our body:** In Romans 8:23 we read, "And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body." What Paul had in mind here is that we should know about the resurrection of our bodies. It is because Christ has risen from the dead that we have this blessed hope of our personal resurrection.

When our body is raised it will be transformed and equipped for dwelling in heaven. "For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself." (Philippians 3:20-21) Salvation includes our bodies. We will have complete redemption of the body and soul.

**The "To Wit" of reconciliation:** In 2 Corinthians 5:19 we read "To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation." What Paul had in mind here is that we know about reconciliation through Christ. The message is that "God was in Christ reconciling the world unto himself." Jesus lived a perfect life and gave Himself for the sins of the world. He took my place and by dying on the cross satisfied God's wrath. "For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." (Romans 5:6-8) God punished Jesus in our place. "Who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness -- by whose stripes you were healed." (1 Peter 2:24) Jesus suffered for sins once, the just for the unjust so that He might bring us to God. (1 Peter 3:18)

**The "To Wit" of the grace of God:** In 2 Corinthians 8:1 we read, "Moreover, brethren, we do you to wit of the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia." What Paul had in mind here is that we know about God's grace. "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world." (Titus 2:11-12) Grace has been extended to all men. Sadly, not all men have access to God's grace. You see, we have access to grace by faith and not all men have faith. (Romans 5:1-2) God's grace is always there if you believe and obey His will. We live and move and have our being by the grace of God. By His grace we breathe and eat and walk and talk. Every physical blessing we enjoy comes by the grace of God. Salvation is by the grace of God, but not by grace alone.

John said, "And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life." (1 John 5:11-12) Will you be baptized into Christ to put on Christ? (Galatians 3:26-27) Believers contact Christ's saving blood by being baptized into His death. Please listen to the teachings of Jesus and His apostles and do as they teach so that you too can be saved, thereby becoming a child of God. Continue to walk with God so you can receive a crown of life. (Revelation 2:20)

## Mildred Mauney Shackelford

Mildred Mauney Shackelford, 96, passed away April 19, 2020, at her home in Ripley, MS. She was born on October 7, 1923, to George Homer and Lizzie Rickles Mauney in Tippah County - Mississippi. Mildred was a homemaker and a member of the Chapman Church of Christ.

A private family Graveside Service will be on Monday April 20, 2020, at Chapman Church of Christ Cemetery with Minister Mark Lindley officiating.

Mildred is survived by two sons: Danny Shackelford (Brenda) of Ripley, MS, Jarvene Shackelford (Pat) of Ripley, MS; two sisters: Christine Grisham of Jackson, TN, Dixie White of New Albany, MS; three grandchildren: Chris Shackelford, Libby Ward (Mark), Kevin Shackelford (Brande) all of Ripley, MS; six great-grandchildren: Taylor Ward, Allie Ward, Ross Shackelford, Charley Shackelford, Reed Shackelford, Ella Shackelford.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband: Hollis Daniel Shackelford; a son: Jerry Shackelford; one grandson; Keith Shackelford; four sisters: Billie Sue Mauney, Genice Collette, Willard Shackelford, Faye Montgomery; one brother: Lance Mauney.

Pallbearers will be Mark Ward, Chris Shackelford, Kevin Shackelford, Ross Shackelford, Reed Shackelford; and Honorary Pallbearers will be her great-grandchildren.

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

**IN LOVE AND SYMPATHY:** Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Sister Mildred Shackelford.

*Remember count your blessings, pray for our lost ones, the sick, the world and the broken-hearted.*

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•**CANCER:** Marie Brumley, Jimmy Hopper, Keith Hall, Hermie Henry (Bonnie Hurt's Mother), Kay Thompson, Cohen Hurt, Frank Elliott, Jimmy Smith, Lanny Yancey (Treatments), Sandra Jones, Betty Faye Ledbury, Peggy Boggs, Marsha Jones, Nita Trotter, Carolyn Medlin, Niani Colom-Omotesa

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