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in time past unto the fathers by the prophets," It's such a simple concept. And yet it's such a complicated idea. God has spoken. There are some books that have been written by critical scholars in recent years who have been coming to rather conservative conclusions. Most of the critical scholars of 30 years ago questioned that there ever was such a man as Abraham. Most of them questioned that monotheism was believed in by anybody before the time of the later Israelite prophets. Some of the recent books tell us that there was monotheism at an earlier period. Some of them tell us that Abraham was a very important man who came to believe in one God. But it's always the wonderful insight of man in working out these things. It's the wonderful ideas, the wonderful progress, that man has made. And what the Bible says is that God has spoken; God has revealed His will. Now why should it ~~be~~ ^{be} difficult, so difficult for us to believe that God might speak? Well, it's an involved thing, when you think of it, to think that anybody might speak. I stand up here, and I ask you, "Where was I born?" And you can look at me, look at my head, look at my shoulders, look at the shape of my eyes and my nose, and try to figure what state I was born in. And you'd probably make ~~it~~ 50 different guesses, and one of them would have to be right. But you could not tell, except I gave you a communication, or somebody else gave you a ~~communication~~ communication, who knew that I was born in the state of Michigan. It's a simple concept, that we speak. And if there is a God, if there is a God who can act, if there is a God who can do things, why should not God speak? Well, of course to us today the problem comes up that God does not speak that way in our day. At least if He does, He does so very, very rarely. And why should that be that God would speak in ancient times, and would not speak today? Well, if you ~~don't~~ don't have a Bible you might have a hard time figuring out the answer. But if you have the Bible the answer is not difficult to find. Genesis 3 tells us that man sinned and turned away from God, and Man today is in a terrible situation because of the sin that is in his life, in his heart, in his mind, that separates him from God, and even when we are saved through the Lord Jesus Christ and freed from the guilt of sin because Jesus Christ took it entirely upon