

John 1:14 *And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

Genesis 15:1 *Sometime later, the word of Yahweh came to Abram in a vision: Do not be afraid, Abram! I am your shield and shall give you a very great reward.*

Genesis 15:1 *After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, saying, "Do not fear, Abram, I am a shield to you; Your reward shall be very great."*

1 Peter 1:24 *For all flesh is grass, and all its beauty like the wildflower's. As grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of the Lord endures forever." That word is the good news that was announced to you.*

Genesis 46:2 *And God spoke to Israel in visions of the night,*

Hebrews 1:1-2 *At many moments in the past and by many means, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; but in these last days he has spoken to us in a Son, whom he appointed the heir of all that exists, through whom also he framed the ages..*

1. All that we can firmly know begins in God
 - a. We exist because we hold that God speaks
 - i. He is the initiator
 - ii. We hear
 1. We respond negatively or positively
 2. We are forever changed when we hear
 - b. We further hold that God specifically spoke to Abraham and his descendants
2. Christians hold that Jesus was God speaking
 - a. He is the final word
 - b. He is the absolute word
 - i. We have words about him - but he is the true word
 - ii. God once used prophets and signs
 - iii. Now God has revealed his nature AND HIS WILL: Jesus
3. "Beginnings are apt to be shadowy" - we only can know what was remembered and written down.
 - a. Then it is preached:
 - i. I Corinthians 11:23-26;
 - ii. And its expansion 11:27-33
 - iii. Based upon Matthew 26:26-30
 - b. Originally the story was told in believer gatherings: 'Followers of The Way'
 - i. Then stories were collected
 - ii. Teachings were given as interpretation
 - iii. Finally the scrolls
 - iv. Sewn together as *The Bible* or *New Testament*
4. **2 Timothy 3:16** *All scripture is inspired by God and useful for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be upright.*