Scripture abounds with references to the fact that the God of Israel speaks. By contrast, the so-called gods of this world have no voice (Psalm 135:15-18). They are mute! How strange it is that people follow them, honor them and bow down before them.

According to Paul, we serve the living God, Who has manifested Himself to us in three Persons (1 Corinthians 8:6). This God constantly engages His world and speaks to it. He does this in the following ways:

He speaks through His servants who uniquely contributed to the canon of Scripture: The Word of God in its entirety is a “body” of truth. It is inspired and God-breathed and conveys God’s message to a fallen and broken world (2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20-21).

He speaks through the word of His Son Jesus: What Jesus did on the cross is God’s final word to the nations. This work is complete, all-sufficient and saving for those who embrace it.

He speaks through great events: God orchestrates events across the world to lead people to repentance (Revelation 16:11). He also demonstrates His voice in His faithfulness to His promises (Hebrew 6:13-20). Israel’s restoration in our time is clear evidence of God speaking, in that it is the answer of God to the prayers of His people (Psalm 102:12-22; Psalm 2:1-6).

He speaks through preachers: That God, by His Spirit, sends men and women into the world to proclaim His last message to it in Christ. These preachers are apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers (Ephesians 4:11-12; Romans 10:14-15).

He speaks to His people by His Holy Spirit: In Scripture the Spirit of God is called “the Comforter” or the One Who comes alongside us. The Bible affirms that He leads, guides and also talks to His people, and that he can be grieved and lied to (John 16:12-15; Acts 5:3). He also sends forth “speaking gifts” to His people (1 Corinthians 12:7-11).

What a wonderful God we serve!