

# Primeval Pea Soup

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The book of Genesis tells us that, way back in the mist of time, God created the heavens & the earth – it was formless, empty, darkness was over the deep and God’s spirit was hovering over the surface of the waters. I suppose you could describe it as a sort of primeval pea soup.

Then God spoke: “Let there be light.” There was light and from that moment on, the story begins to unfold.

We are told that when God had created the universe, he looked at the wonders he had spoken into being and declared that it was good.

Ever since the day that man first walked this earth he has stopped, looked up and gazed in wonder at the beauty of the universe that god spoke into being. Scientists are continually discovering more and more of the vastness and wonders of the universe that God created.

David the shepherd boy, who later became King of Israel, spent many, many hours gazing up at the stars while taking care of his sheep. As he gazed up and thought about what he saw, he wasn’t just reminded that God had spoken this amazing universe into being. He declared that the universe itself speaks out God’s glory

*The heavens declare the glory of God, the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day they pour forth speech. Night after night they display knowledge. There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard. Their voice goes out into all the world. Their words to*

*the ends of the world.*

*(Psalm 19:1-4)*

As David gazed up at the sky he was filled with wonder at the mystery and vastness of God's creation.

Psalm 19 also reminds us that not only did God speak through his creation – he also spoke through his word.

It reminds us that God's word is trustworthy, it makes us wise, it is more precious than gold, it gives light to our eyes and joy to the heart.

Throughout their history God has spoken to his people through the wonders of his creation, through his word written down by his scribes, proclaimed by prophets, men (and a few women) who spoke from God. God put his words into their mouths, they proclaimed that word to God's people using the spoken word, song, and drama. Hosea even went so far as to marry an adulterous woman to get his message across. Sometimes their words fell on stony ground but still they proclaimed it loud and clear.

The writer to the Hebrews said that God did something even more special. He reminds us that:

*In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets, at many times and in various ways. But in these last days he has spoken to us by his son whom he appointed heir of all things and through whom he made the universe.*

*(Hebrews 1:1-2)*

The voices of the prophets had been silent for some 500 years or so when the writer to the Hebrews penned those words. Now all that has changed. God has spoken again through Jesus his Son.

When you are separated and a long way from someone you love and care about there are many ways you can speak to them. You can write them a letter, send an email, post a message on Facebook or Twitter, call them up on the phone on Skype or WhatsApp.

But there is a far better way than all of these, you can buy a ticket, board a plane, turn up on their doorstep and meet them face-to-face.

In these last days, the Word (Jesus) took on human form, took on flesh and dwelt among his people. Jesus came and lived among us. In Jesus God spoke to us:

- Not through what he had made
- Not by something spoken through a third party
- Not by something written on a sheet of paper
- Not by a complex piece of electronic equipment
- But by turning up on our doorstep

In the past God spoke – and God still speaks through creation.

In the past God spoke – and God still speaks through his word.

In the past God spoke - and God still speaks through his prophets & preachers.

In these last days God has spoken - and still speaks through his Son.

I wonder, when God speaks, do we listen to and take note of what he has to say?

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