

The Book of Hebrews

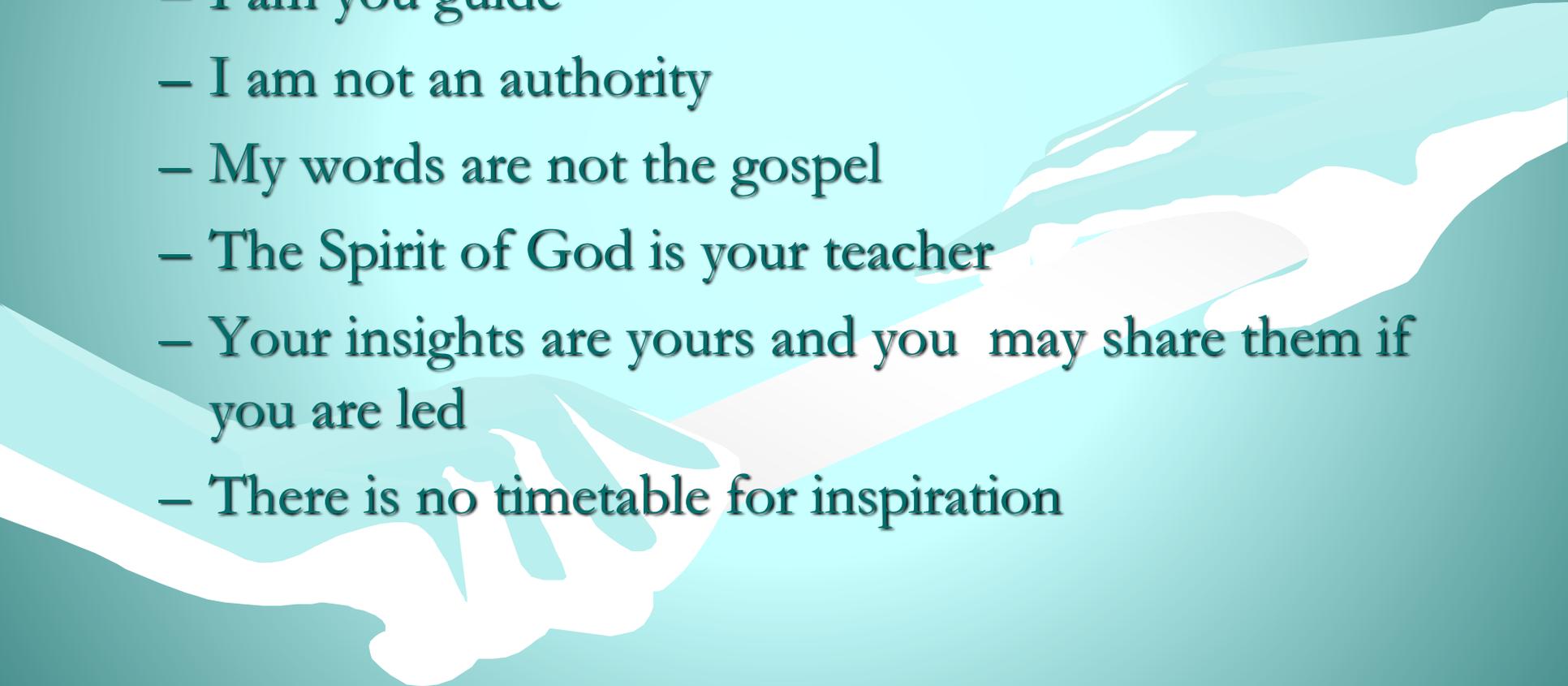
- Larry Monson
- Liberty Towers
- Men's Ministries

The perfect hand off

A stylized illustration of two hands shaking, rendered in shades of teal and white. The hands are positioned horizontally across the lower half of the slide, with the fingers interlaced in a firm grip. The background is a gradient of teal, and the overall style is clean and modern.

Introduction to your Guide

- Larry Monson
 - I am your guide
 - I am not an authority
 - My words are not the gospel
 - The Spirit of God is your teacher
 - Your insights are yours and you may share them if you are led
 - There is no timetable for inspiration



Outline of Hebrews

- 1:1-3 Jesus greater than the prophets
- 1:4-2:18 Jesus is greater than the angels: **Therefore** let us pay attention.
- 3:1-4:13 Jesus is greater than Moses: **Therefore** let us persevere.
- 4:14-6:12 The priesthood of Jesus is greater than the priesthood of Aaron: **Therefore** let us move on to maturity.
- 6:13-7:28 Jesus is the Great High Priest “in the order of Melchizedek.”
- 8:1-10:39 Jesus is the author of a better covenant than that of Moses: **Therefore** let us persevere to the end.
- 11:1-12:29 A practical example of endurance: The faithful cloud of witnesses: **Therefore** accept God’s discipline in your life.
- 13:1-25 Summary and final advice.

The Letter to the Hebrews

Many were the forms and fashions in which **God** spoke of old to our fathers by the prophets, but in these days at the end he has spoken to us by a **Son** – a **Son** whom **He** appointed heir of the universe, as it was by **Him** that **He** created the world. **He**, reflecting **God's** bright glory and stamped with **God's** own character, sustains the universe with **His** word of power; when **He** had secured our purification from sins, **He** sat down at the right hand of the **Majesty on High**.

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Does God Speak?



- God the great communicator
- Hebrews 1:1
- Best type of communication

How did God speak in the Tanakh?

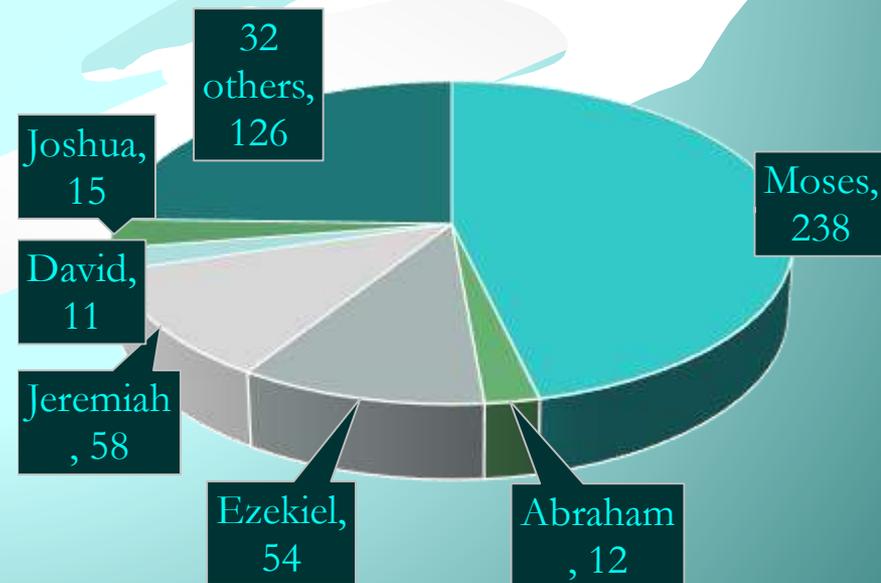
The Jews do not call it the Old Testament

- Pictures which were seen
- Through Scripture
- The environment
- Miracles
- Words which were heard



The fifth way of speaking

- Through beings
 - Angels – Heavenly host, Michael, Gabriel, Seraphim and Cherubim
 - Animals - Donkey of Balaam Numb 22:27-30
 - People
 - Prophets
 - Priests
 - Kings
 - Preachers



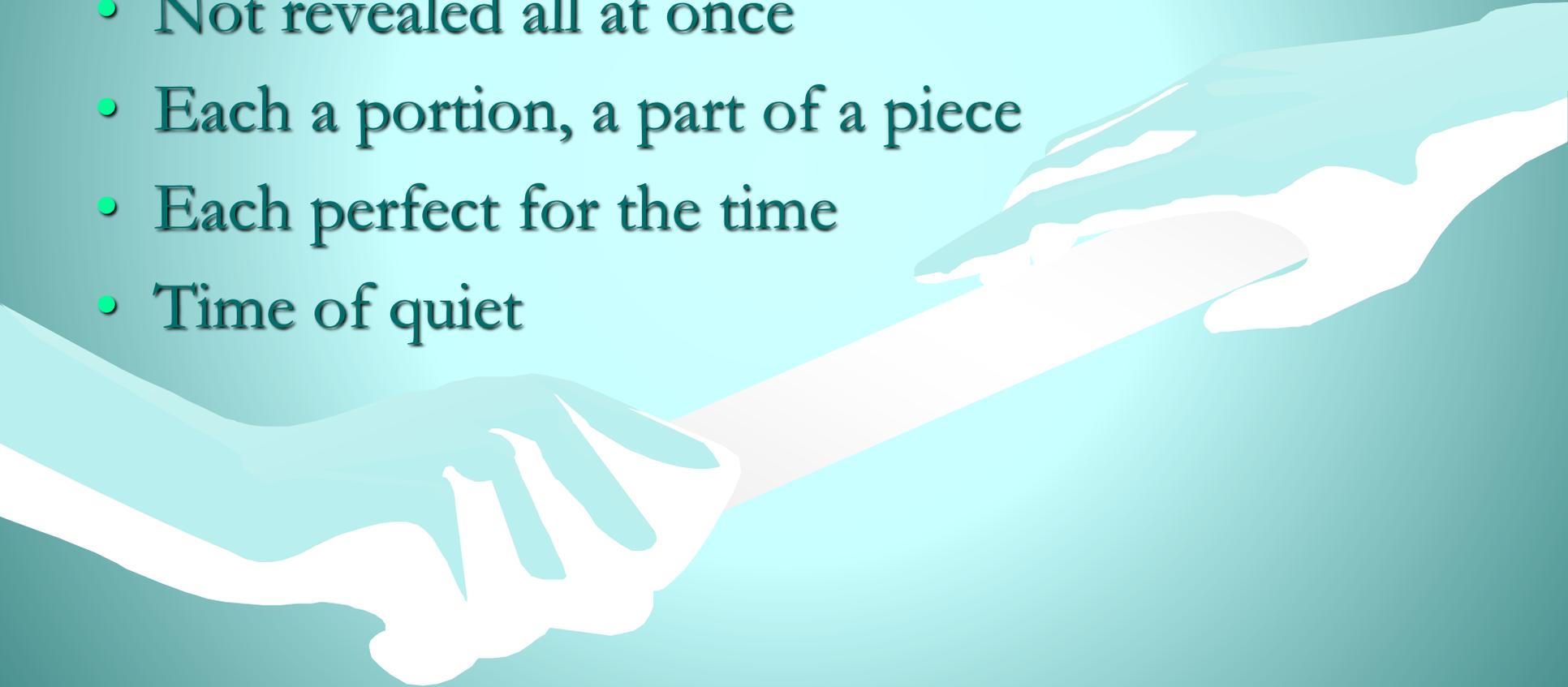
But there had to be a better way

- Too much confusion
- Too much argument
- Too much interpretation of interpretation
- Too much lack of simple understanding



When did God speak in the Tanakh?

- Long ago in ways and times
- Not revealed all at once
- Each a portion, a part of a piece
- Each perfect for the time
- Time of quiet





God could not stop Himself

- In the past, God spoke through the prophets...
- But now, (these last days) he speaks to us in his Son!!!
- Jesus is greater than the prophets.
- At the perfect time
- In the perfect way
- The last days...
 - Acts 2:15, 1 Pet 1:20, 1 Cor 10:11, 2 Tim 3:1
 - Eschatology: The branch of theology which deals with end times, resurrection, judgment, etc.
 - Already but not yet come
 - Started but not yet completed
 - Fulfillment in Jesus but not consummated
 - Prophetic tension
 - We are in the last times

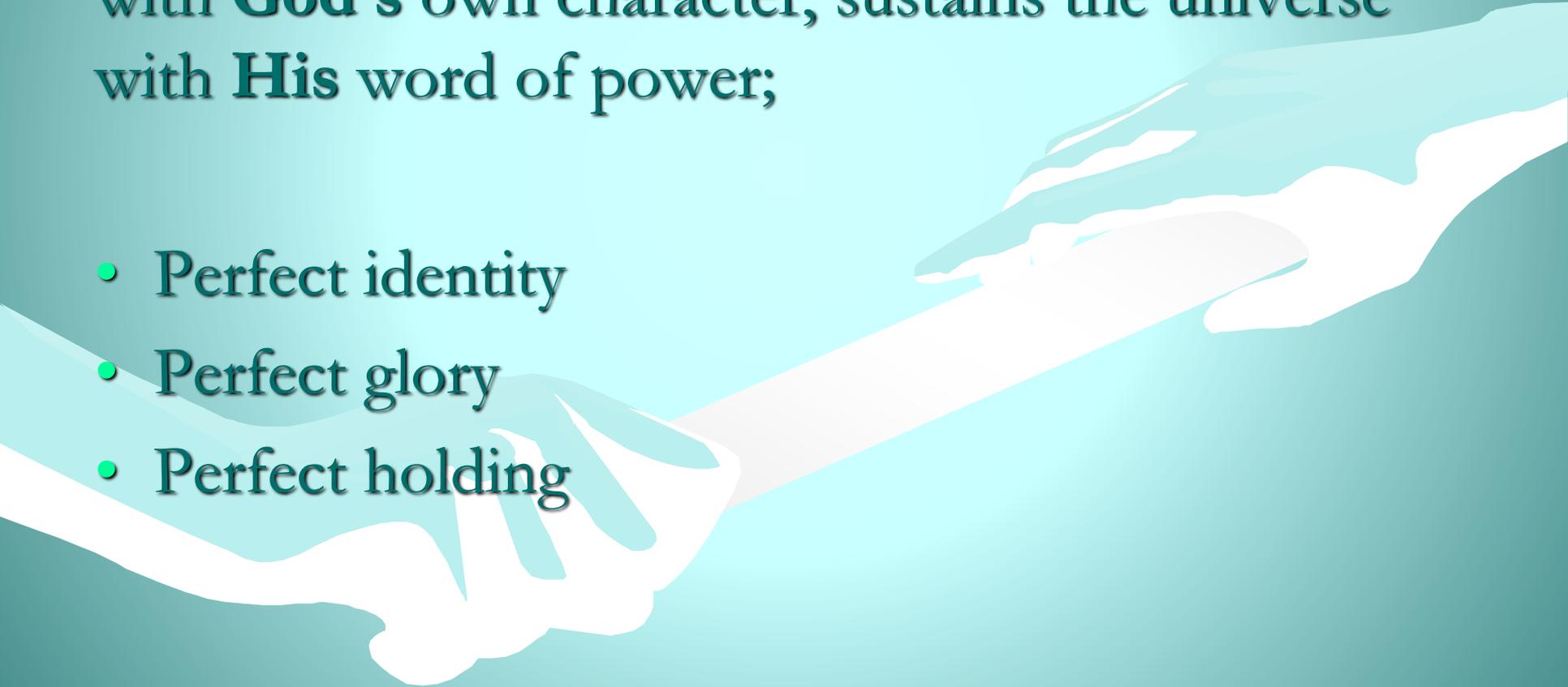
God Speaking

- By His Son
 - Not just a prophet
 - The Word of God IN the person of Jesus
- The Son appointed heir of all things
 - God can make good on all the promises made
 - Heir before creation
- No third phase

The Radiance of HIS glory

He, reflecting **God's** bright glory and stamped with **God's** own character, sustains the universe with **His** word of power;

- Perfect identity
- Perfect glory
- Perfect holding



What is the glory of God?

The glory of God is the beauty of His spirit. It is not an aesthetic beauty or a material beauty, but it is the beauty that emanates from His character, from all that He is.

Why is Jesus BETTER?

- Perfect in time
- Perfect in place
- Perfect in character
- Perfect in glory
- Perfect in mission
- Perfect in life
- Perfect in relationship
- Perfect in life

