

## HEARING THE VOICE OF GOD

From the beginning God has always spoken to people, in fact He never stops speaking from Genesis to Revelations. He spoke to Adam and Adam did not think it strange.....after the Fall God sought a man to speak too, He spoke to Noah to Abraham, to Jacob to Joseph, to the prophets. In the New Testament Zacharias, Joseph Mary Jesus Peter (flesh and blood has not revealed this to you). Paul, John And He wants to SPEAK TO YOU AND I. To some He'll speak through dreams, to some through visions, to some through signs, some placing impressions in our spirits.....some with words. Therefore, God speaks in various forms that makes an impression in our hearts or spirits through the Holy Spirit to reveal the mind of God for a situation.

1Co 2:9 -16 *But as it is written: "EYE HAS NOT SEEN, NOR EAR HEARD, NOR HAVE ENTERED INTO THE HEART OF MAN THE THINGS WHICH GOD HAS PREPARED FOR THOSE WHO LOVE HIM."*

:10 **But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit.** For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. :11 For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? *Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God.* :12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that *we might know the things* that have been freely given to us by God. -( in the gospel of John the Holy Spirit is called "the Spirit of Truth"3 times )

V13 These things we also speak, *not in words* which man's wisdom teaches **but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual.** :14 But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are **spiritually discerned.** :15 But he who is spiritual judges all things, yet he himself is rightly judged by no one. For "WHO HAS KNOWN THE MIND OF THE LORD THAT HE MAY INSTRUCT HIM?" *But we have the mind of Christ.*

Joh 10:1-5 *"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door, but climbs up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber.:2 But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. :3 To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice; and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. :4 And when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them; and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. :5 Yet they will by no means follow a stranger, but will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers."*

Joh 8:47 *He who is of God hears God's words; therefore you do not hear, because you are not of God."*

BUT IF YOU ARE BORN AGAIN YOU HAVE THE PRIVILEGE, RIGHT AND HONOUR TO HEAR THE VOICE OF GOD YOUR FATHER –BUT I MUST POSITION MYSELF TO HEAR AND DISCIPLINE MYSELF TO BE TAUGHT BY THE SPIRIT THROUGH THE WORD TO BECOME A DISCERNER OF SPIRITUAL THINGS FROM SOULISH THINGS (Ezk13v2, Jer23v16 )

– AND WHILE WE STAY IN OUR PENTECOST EXPERIENCE THEIR WILL BE MIXTURE ITS ONLY FEAST THAT WAS CELEBRATED WITH 2 LOAVES OF LEAVEN BREAD (Lev23v17). Leaven speaks of sin (Math16v6) – it puffs up it causes growth of the lump in the heat where unleavened shrinks and becomes smaller in the heat.... That's why there are as described by Paul schisms and divisions among you - carnality and deception. Because there is another feast to be entered - tabernacles or booths where everyone wears the same thing everyone sleeps in the same type of booth... there is no distinction, there is nothing of wealth or notoriety to distinguish you from the wealthiest to the most poor – everyone the same everyone living and eating in the same place.... UNITY

Heb 4:12 *For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.*

Psalm 46:10 says, "Be still, and know that I am God."

**It's in stillness, not busyness**, that we tune our spiritual ears to hear the voice of God. The Lord always speaks to us in that "STILL, small voice" (1 Kings 19:12), but often it's drowned out amid all the turmoil and challenges of our daily lives. We may of eaten at OUR table but haven't partaken at His Table, we may of stopped to think, instead of stop thinking and being still. We can begin our day in routine instead of submitting my routine to the Spirit so He can order my day and having my spirit SENSITIVE to the voice of God!

Secondly, we often mistake the voice of the Lord and think it's our own thoughts. Because the voice of the Lord comes to us in our own thoughts or impressions.

John 4:24 says, "God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth."

**This is saying that communication with God is Spirit to spirit, not brain to brain or rarely by the literal mouth of God**, like Moses and the burning bush, **THOUGH HE HAS DONE THAT** and can do that. The Lord mostly speaks to our spirits through HIM who resides in you the person of the HOLY SPIRIT. Not by words only, but in thoughts and impressions in dreams and visions. Then our spirits speak to us in words like, "I think the Lord wants me to do this or that." He will impress your spirit to do something, and then you are moved or (KJV quickened) and we say things like "I think I should do, I feel or sense God saying". But we often miss the leading of the Lord, thinking it's our own thoughts but it's actually the Lord leading or speaking to us.

**SENSITIVITY IS GROWN FROM WAITING IN HIS PRESENCE AND HAVING DIALOGUE (PRAYER)**  
**DISCERNMENT IS GROWN FROM READING THE WORD AND LEARNING HOW HE SPEAKS AND HOW HE THINKS (UNDERSTANDING THE CHARACTER OF GOD)**

1. Mat 4:4 *But He answered and said, "It is written, 'MAN SHALL **NOT LIVE BY BREAD ALONE, BUT BY EVERY WORD THAT PROCEEDS FROM THE MOUTH OF GOD.'**"*

**We live from what comes from His mouth, its life to me– THIS IS BOTH THE WRITTEN AND SPOKEN WORD**  
**I need the prophetic voice to speak I need to read and hear the word preached .....**  
**THE WORD THE WORD WHICH SEPERATES SOUL AND SPIRIT JOINTS AND MARROW**  
**BRINGS DISCERNMENT BETWEEN THOUGHTS AND INTENTS OF THE HEART**

2. Psa 138:2 I will worship toward Your holy temple, And praise **Your name For Your lovingkindness and Your truth; For You have magnified Your word above all Your name.**

**God will never violate His Own Written word – Whether that's through a prophetic word, a vision a dream**  
**It will never violate the principles of Gods written word**

**Deu 13:1-5** "If there arises among you a prophet or a dreamer of dreams, and he gives you a sign or a wonder, :2 and the sign or the wonder comes to pass, of which he spoke to you, saying, 'Let us go after other gods'—which you have not known—and let us serve them,' :3 you shall not listen to the words of that prophet or that dreamer of dreams, for the LORD your God is testing you to know whether you love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul. :4 You shall walk after the LORD your God and fear Him, and keep His commandments and obey His voice; you shall serve Him and hold fast to Him. :5 But that prophet or that dreamer of dreams shall be put to death, because he has spoken in order to turn you away from the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of bondage, to entice you from the way in which the LORD your God commanded you to walk. So you shall put away the evil from your midst.

**Gal 1:8** But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed.

I CAN BE A STUDENT OR A SCAVENGER – AN EAGLE OR A CHICKEN

I Must be open to Read/ See/ Dream/ Speak/Prophecy the word

I can be a student ( 2Tim2v15- study to show yourself approved) or a scavenger of the word picking up bits here and there from those who feast on His word – living from week to week on what's been preached living to hear the next prophesy.

if I don't get to know the God of the bible and His character and characteristics I'm open to confusion if He speaks or impresses on my spirit or through the prophet the vision or dream I'm in the dilemma and left with the question Is it God?

AND YET IN THE MIDST OF IT ALL THE KING IS INVITING ME TO EAT AT HIS TABLE  
I CAN COME BROKEN I CAN COME FEELING UNWORTHY I CAN COME EMOTIONALLY BANKRUPT THERE IS ALWAYS ROOM AT HIS TABLE TO EAT WITH THE KING. BECAUSE HE KNOWS IF I EAT, I WILL GAIN THE STRENGTH TO CARRY MY OWN WEIGHT IN THE KINGDOM!

NO LONGER AN EMOTIONAL CRIPPLE, NO LONGER BANKRUPT BY FEAR OR REJECTION,

NO LONGER SHAKING MY CUP WITH AN EXPECTATION OF OTHERS TO FILL MY NEED! BECAUSE THE WORD WILL GIVE ME STRENGTH TO GET UP AND OUT FROM THAT WHICH HAS HELD ME DOWN CAUSE ME TO HAVE JOY FOR MY MOURNING  
BECAUSE I'VE EATEN FROM THE KINGS TABLE....

ACTS3V3-9 Lame Man at the temple

Joh 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, (Every Genesis begins with a word) and the Word was with God, (2=WITNESS) and the Word was God. –

Joh 1:2 He was in the beginning with God.

Joh 1:3 All things were made through Him,(HIS WORD IS THE POWER OF CREATIVITY) and without Him nothing was made that was made. – CENTURION KNEW THE POWER OF WORDS – SPEAK THE WORD AND my servant will be healed (Lk7v6-10)

Joh 1:4 In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. –IN THE WORD IS LIFE AND ITS LIGHT TO ME

Joh 1:5 And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

THE LIGHT OF THE WORD SHINES IN MY DARKNESS – AND DARKNESS WILL BE CONFUSED BY THE LIGHT OF THE WORD.

A LACK OF THE WORD WILL BRING A LACK OF JOY A LACK PEACE AND CONFIDENCE IN THE WAYS OF THE LORD. – FOR THE WORD – SPEAKS WASHES THE WORD ENCOURAGES THE WORD SEPERATES, THE WORD COMFORTS THE WORD LEADS, THE WORD STRENGTHENS AND THE WORD REASSURES THE WORD IS MY ROCK THE WORD KEEPS ME IN THE STORM – THE WORD IS A PERSON HIS NAME IS JESUS.

HE'S INVITING YOU TO HIS TABLE BROKENESS AND ALL FEELING ANGRY AND ALL HARD DONE BY ---  
WHATEVER YOUR REASON HE'S NOT LOOKING AT WHAT IS WRONG WITH YOU. THE KING IS  
REMEMBERING THE PROMISE HE MADE TO THE ONE HE LOVED..... THERES AN INVITE TO HIS  
BANQUETING TABLE FOR EVERY ONE OF US – SO WE CAN HEAR THE KING SPEAK AND BE PART OF HIS  
PLAN AND PURPOSE ..... SO THAT WORD SHINES AND CONFUSES MY DARKNESS .....

*I Must be in Communion /relationship with Him*

*I Must learn to be Still – Elijah in the mountain top*

*I Must be talking to Him / Communion Prayer*

*I Must be in the word - Joshua let not this word depart from your mouth - Joshua 1v8, Ps 138v2*