

The Voice of God

One critical point to understanding and experiencing God, is to know ways that God speak to His people. If a Christian does not know when God is speaking, he is in trouble in his Christian Walk. We will focus our attention on how God speaks to reveal himself, His purposes and His ways. We will examine how God speaks through the Bible, prayer, circumstances, the church or other believers.

1) God speaks primarily through the Word of God – the Bible. When a man is born again and regenerated, his heart and mind becomes illuminated by the Holy Spirit to be able to understand clearly God's Word.

2) God's Word is God's voice to mankind in the earth. **II Tim3:16,17**
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a) The Logos of God. – When a person is reading, meditating and pondering on the Word of God and the light comes on concerning a particular passage; then that revelation given by the Holy Spirit is called the revealed Word of God, or the Rehma Word of God.

Note:: The unregenerate man cannot clearly understand the word of God. **Ist Cor 2:14 kj** ¹⁴ But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

3) Heb 4:12 ampc ¹⁶ Every Scripture is God-breathed (given by His inspiration) and profitable for instruction, for reproof *and* conviction of sin, for correction of error *and* discipline in obedience, [and] for training in righteousness (in holy living, in conformity to God's will in thought, purpose, and action), ¹⁷ So that the man of God may be complete *and* proficient, well fitted *and* thoroughly equipped for every good work.

4) Heb 1:1 Kj *God speaks through his people*- In many separate revelations [^[a]each of which set forth a portion of the Truth] and in different ways God spoke of old to [our] forefathers in *and* by the prophets,

5) Heb 1:2-6 Kj *God spoke through Jesus.* ² [But] in ^[b]the last of these days He has spoken to us in [the person of a] Son, Whom He appointed Heir *and* lawful Owner of all things, also by *and* through Whom He created the worlds *and* the reaches of space *and* the ages of time [He made, produced, built, operated, and arranged them in order].³ He is the sole expression of the glory of God [the Light-being, the ^[c]out-raying or radiance of the divine], and He is the perfect imprint *and* very image of [God's] nature, upholding *and* maintaining *and* guiding *and* propelling the universe by His mighty word of power. When He had *by offering Himself* accomplished *our* cleansing of sins *and* riddance of guilt, He sat down at the right hand of the divine Majesty on high,

⁴ [Taking a place and rank by which] He Himself became as much superior to angels as the glorious Name (title) which He has inherited is different from *and* more excellent than theirs.⁵ For to which of the angels did [God] ever say, You are My Son, today I have begotten You [established You in an official Sonship relation, with kingly dignity]? And again, I will be to Him a Father, and He will be to Me a Son?⁶ Moreover, when He brings the firstborn Son ^[d]again into the habitable world, He says, Let all the angels of God worship Him.

6) Eph 4:10-15 Kj God speaks through his five-fold ministry gifts. ¹⁰ He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.)¹¹ And he gave some, **apostles**; and some, **prophets**; and some, **evangelists**; and some, **pastors** and **teachers**;¹² For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

¹³ Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:¹⁴ That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;¹⁵ But **speaking the truth in love**, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:

7) Other avenues which God spoke:

a) Angels Gen 16 entirety

Note: Name others that God spoke to through Angels.

b) **Visions Gen 15 entirety**

Note: Name others that had a Vision from God.

c) **Dreams Gen 28:10-19** Jacob's Dream-- ¹⁰ Jacob left Beersheba and went toward Haran. ¹¹ And he came to a certain place and stayed there that night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place to sleep. ¹² And he dreamed, and behold, there was a ladder^[b] set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven. And behold, the angels of God were ascending and descending on it! ¹³ And behold, the LORD stood above it^[c] and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac. The land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring. ¹⁴ Your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south, and in you and your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed.

¹⁵ Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land. For I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." ¹⁶ Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place, and I did not know it." ¹⁷ And he was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."¹⁸ So early in the morning Jacob took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. ¹⁹ He called the name of that place Bethel,^[d] but the name of the city was Luz at the first.

Note: Name others that had dreams from God

d) The use of the Urim and the Thummim (Ex 28:30) And in the breastpiece of judgment you shall put the Urim and the Thummim, and they shall be on Aaron's heart, when he goes in before the LORD. Thus Aaron shall bear the judgment of the people of Israel on his heart before the LORD regularly.

Urim and Thummim defined: Instruments, particularly two stones that were placed in the pocket of the breastplate of the Hebrew High Priest. They were prepared by God to assist man in obtaining revelation and in translating languages.

e) Symbolic Actions (Jer 18:1-10)

f) A gentle Whisper - God speaks to Elijah--(1st Kings 19: 9,10)

⁹ There he came to a cave and lodged in it. And behold, the word of the LORD came to him, and he said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

¹⁰ He said, "I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away.

g) Miraculous Signs (Ex 8:20-25) ²⁰ Then the LORD said to Moses, "Rise up early in the morning and present yourself to Pharaoh, as he goes out to the water, and say to him, 'Thus says the LORD, "Let my people go, that they may serve me. ²¹ Or else, if you will not let my people go, behold, I will send swarms of flies on you and your servants and your people, and into your houses. And the houses of the Egyptians shall be filled with swarms of flies, and also the ground on which they stand. ²² But on that day I will set apart the land of Goshen, where my people dwell, so that no swarms of flies shall be there, that you may know that I am the LORD in the midst of the earth.^[e] ²³ Thus I will put a division^[f] between my people and your people. Tomorrow this sign shall happen.'"" ²⁴ And the LORD did so. There came great swarms of flies into the house of Pharaoh and into his servants' houses. Throughout all the land of Egypt the land was ruined by the swarms of flies.²⁵ Then Pharaoh called Moses and Aaron and said, "Go, sacrifice to your God within the land.

h) When God spoke, it was usually unique to that individual. For instance, Moses had a burning bush experience. Abraham, Isaac and Jacob had their own experiences. They all had unique experiences. **God simply wants his own unique experience with you.** His voice is to be personal to you. The key is not how God spoke, but that He spoke. That has not changed, he will speak to his people today.

i) If you really want to know God's voice, you must give the time and effort to cultivate a loving relationship with him. That is what He wants!

j) In seeking God's Will –ask for confirmation and timing. **Make sure what you will God is saying is scripturally sound.** Wait until you have all the confirmations you need. Don't move until you are completely clear of what you feel God is saying.

Note: This cannot be emphasized enough -

k) Make sure you are scripturally sound. The only way this is possible you must be trained in the study of the Bible. You must be trained and disciplined. **So many are causing so many problems in their lives and the lives of others because they have not been in any organized Biblical Training—**2 Tim 2:15 kj** Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

l) Make sure when receiving a word from God, if married; that you and your spouse are in full agreement. If you are not in agreement on your decisions, (do not move forward until agreement is completely solidified) (God is not the author of confusion). (**1st Cor 14:33 kj**) For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.

m) When we move from the Gospels – Matthew, Mark, Luke and speaks. We live as if God quit speaking personally to his people.

We fail to realize that an encounter with the Holy Spirit is an encounter with God, God clearly spoke to his people in ACTS, and He clearly speaks to us today. **From Acts to the present, God has been speaking to his people by the Holy Spirit.**

n) John 14:16-18 kj ¹⁶ And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; ¹⁷ **Even the Spirit of truth;** whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. ¹⁸ I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.

The Holy Spirit takes up residence in the life of the believer. You yourselves are God's temple and God's Spirit lives in you. **(1st Cor 3:16)** Because He is always present in the believer, He can speak to you clearly at any time.

o) God speaks through circumstances- Jesus seen what the Father was doing- **John 5:17, 19,20 kj** What the Son saw the Father's activity in what He was already doing- He would follow through the obvious circumstances . * Example: God is building Love Church to be a place where people can learn to: Love God, learn the Love for Marriages and Families and learn the Love for others, even for themselves.

p) God speaks through the Church. (God will use people in the church to confirm what He is saying.

q) Other People and other Believers

r) God will speak to you in Prayer. (Audibly, through a pertinent scripture or through an experience of an Amazing Peace.

s) God talks to us to increase our Faith which leads us to action. You must listen to Him intently about the things He says to you. You will need to listen intently about what He has to say about Himself. This will be critical when it comes to a crisis of belief in Him.