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INTRODUCTION:

One of the most important things that we *must* learn to do as Christians is to be able to hear the “Voice of God”.

Most Christians have not only never *heard* the “Voice of God”, but have never been taught that God does speak to us today.

Neither have we been taught *how* to listen for the “Voice of God”, and when we hear a voice, how to make sure that it is Him speaking.

It really doesn't make sense when you think about it, that God would give us both physical *and* Spiritual ears to hear, if He did not want us to hear His Voice.

(Matthew 13:9)

It would be like you as a father or mother, never speaking to your children to help guide them. You would just let them get all of their information from a book or by allowing others to speak and to guide them.

You personally would never talk to them to guide them, or to confirm what the book or others are saying to them. Is that realistic?

As parents, it is our responsibility to guide our children. (Proverbs 22:6)

The best way to do this is to speak to them ‘audibly’.

As Christians, the Bible of course is our guide, and the Spoken (Rhema) Word will never conflict with the Written (Logos) Word of God. However, Jesus said that we live by the *spoken* Word of God.

Jesus said, the Spoken (Rhema) Word of God is the *bread* by which we live.

Luke 4:4

4 And Jesus answered him, saying, It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every (Rhema) word of God.

Matt 4:4

4 But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every (Rhema) word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

Having been a Christian for many years, and having attended many churches in my lifetime, and listening to many theologians; I have heard many contradictory statements about whether God actually speaks to us.

Many argue that God doesn't speak to us today, others say He does, but not in an audible voice.

While attending a large church which taught the (Logos) or Written Word of God very well, I was never encouraged to personally hear from God.

Therefore, I never heard from God audibly, nor did I have any ‘physical feelings’ from God. I considered this as normal.

After my ‘Death Experience’ and ‘Out of Body Experience’, however, I heard God speak audibly and very clearly.

I did not wonder if this was God, I *knew* it was Him!

At the time, I did not think it strange nor did I question Him. I just received what He said, and talked with Him about my willingness to ‘Repent’ and to ‘Serve Him’ the rest of my life.

After this Experience, I also received the Filling (Baptism) of the Holy Spirit (Ghost). (See the Timothy II Testimony Tract)

After recently hearing some Pastor’s say that God doesn’t speak audibly today, I was upset and very concerned for the ‘Body of Christ’, about this ‘False Doctrine’.

I was afraid that they would put God in a ‘box’ like I had, and not listen to Him when He does speak.

This “Study Guide” has been written to *prove* through the Scriptures, that not only does God speak audibly today, but that He also speaks to us in many different ways.

It is important to know these different ways that God speaks to us, so that we can learn to *hear* His Voice and to *listen* to what He is saying.

THE MANY WAYS OF HEARING GOD’S VOICE:

1. Through God the Father.
2. Through God the Son, that is (Jesus).
3. Through God the Holy Spirit.
4. Through The Angel of the Lord.
5. Through An Angel of the Lord.
6. Through Angels themselves.
7. Through a Still Small Voice.
8. Through the Scriptures, or the Written (Logos) Word. (Luke 24:45) (John 14:26)
9. Through Man (Church Leaders) such as, Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors/ Priests, Teachers. (Ephesians 4:11-15) (Luke 1:70 2:36-38) (John 3:34) (Joel 2:28, Acts 2:17)
Through Man (Christians) through the “Charisma Gifts” of the Word of Wisdom, Word of Knowledge, Prophecy and Interpretation of Tongues. (1 Corinthians 12:7, 8, 10)
10. Through Visions.
11. Through Revelations.
12. Through Dreams.

*It is important to note, that even though there are many ways through which God speaks, it is God the Father that is speaking through that source to us, to make known *His Will*.

When we understand this, then we will *know* that we are *hearing* from God, and what He is saying to us.

When we learn to recognize *whom* God the Father is speaking through, it will help us to understand that it is not always Satan speaking to us just because we hear God in different ways.

It doesn't take long to learn to *distinguish* the "Voice of God", from the voice of Satan. (John 10:27)

When we are not sure it is the Lord speaking to us, we should wait for at least one or two confirmations before we act on what we hear. (Acts 15:32)

As in all of our Timothy II 'Study Guides', all statements are supported by the Scriptures. Do not take the word of this author for your agreement or disagreement on this word, but 'Search the Scriptures' to see whether these things are true. (Acts 17:11)

Also, please pray and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal the Truth to you as you read this 'Study Guide'.

I pray that it will be an inspiration to you and will further your understanding of God. (Matthew 13:11)

He that has an ear let him hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches! (Revelation 2:7, 11, 17, 29 3:6, 13, 22)

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HEARING THE VOICE OF GOD

IMPORTANT SCRIPTURES ABOUT HEARING THE “VOICE OF GOD”

The following are some general Scriptures about hearing the “Voice of God”.



Jesus said:

Matt 10:27

27 What I tell you in darkness, that speak ye in light: and what ye hear in the ear, that preach ye upon the housetops.

Luke 8:21

21 And he answered and said unto them, **My mother and my brethren are these which hear the word of God, and do it.**

Luke 11:28

28 But he said, Yea rather, **blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it.**

Rom 10:17

17 So then **faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the (Rhema - spoken) word of God.**

Paul said:

Eph 6:11

11 **Put on the whole armour of God,** that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

Eph 6:17

17 **And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the (Rhema - spoken) word of God:**

I. HEARING THE VOICE OF GOD THE FATHER:

Some Christians believe that no man has heard the Voice of God the Father. The following Scriptures in the 'King James Bible' *refute* that theory.

Deut 4:33

33 Did ever people hear the voice of God speaking out of the midst of the fire, as thou hast heard, and live?

Deut 4:36

36 Out of heaven he made thee to hear his voice, that he might instruct thee: and upon earth he shewed thee his great fire; **and thou heardest his words** out of the midst of the fire.

Deut 4:39

39 Know therefore this day, and consider it in thine heart, that the LORD he is God in heaven above, and upon the earth beneath: there is none else.



God spoke to Moses in a burning bush, here also called an Angel:

Acts 7:30-38

30 And when forty years were expired, there appeared to him in the wilderness of mount Sina an angel of the Lord in a flame of fire in a bush.

31 When Moses saw it, he wondered at the sight: and as he drew near to behold it, the voice of the Lord came unto him,

32 Saying, I am the God of thy fathers, the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Then Moses trembled, and durst not behold.

33 Then said the Lord to him, Put off thy shoes from thy feet: for the place where thou standest is holy ground.

34 I have seen, I have seen the affliction of my people which is in Egypt, and I have heard their groaning, and am come down to deliver them. And now come, **I will send thee into Egypt.**

35 This Moses whom they refused, saying, Who made thee a ruler and a judge? **the same did God send to be a ruler and a deliverer by the hand of the angel which appeared to him in the bush.**

36 He brought them out, after that he had shewed wonders and signs in the land of Egypt, and in the Red sea, and in the wilderness forty years.

37 This is that Moses, which said unto the children of Israel, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear.

38 This is he, that was in the church in the wilderness **with the angel which spake to him in the mount Sina**, and with our fathers: who received the lively oracles to give unto us:

The main reason many people believe that no man has ever heard the Voice of God the Father is because of the following Scripture.

John 5:37-38

37 **And the Father himself**, which hath sent me, hath borne witness of me. **Ye have neither heard his voice at any time, nor seen his shape.**

38 **And ye have not his word** abiding in you: **for whom he hath sent, him ye believe not.**

Actually, Jesus was talking to the Jews who did not believe in Him.

John 14:7

7 **If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him.**

As Jesus is Baptized in water, the Holy Spirit descended upon Him, and God the Father spoke audibly to all those present.

Matt 3:16-17 Mark 1:9-11 Luke 3:21-22

16 **And Jesus**, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the **Spirit of God** descending like a dove, and lighting upon him:

17 **And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.**

At the 'Transfiguration' of Jesus, God the Father spoke audibly and the disciples heard it in a Vision:

Matt 17:1-9 Mark 8:2-8 Luke 9:28-36

1 **And after six days Jesus** taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into an high mountain apart,

2 And **was transfigured before them:** and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light.

3 And, behold, there appeared unto them Moses and Elias talking with him.

4 Then answered Peter, and said unto Jesus, Lord, it is good for us to be here: if thou wilt, let us make here three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias.

5 While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: **and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him.**

6 **And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their face, and were sore afraid.**

7 And Jesus came and touched them, and said, Arise, and be not afraid.

8 And when they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no man, save Jesus only.

9 And as they came down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, saying, **Tell the vision to no man,** until the Son of man be risen again from the dead.

2 Pet 1:16-18

16 For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty.

17 **For he received from God the Father honour and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.**

18 **And this voice which came from heaven we heard,** when we were with him in the holy mount.

II. HEARING THE VOICE OF GOD THROUGH THE SON (JESUS):

Heb 1:1-2

1 **God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets,**

2 **Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son,** whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;

Jesus speaks as He hears from the Father:

John 5:30

30 **I can of mine own self do nothing:** as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me.

John 12:49-50

49 **For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I**

should speak.

50 And I know that his commandment is life everlasting: **whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto me, so I speak.**



We know His Voice!

John 10:2-5

2 But he that entereth in by the door is **the shepherd of the sheep.**

3 To him the porter openeth; and **the sheep hear his voice:** and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out.

4 And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: **for they know his voice.**

5 And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers.

Jesus speaks to unbelievers about Salvation, and some will hear and be Saved:

John 5:25

25 Verily, verily, I say unto you, **The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live.**

Jesus spoke to the disciples after His death and Resurrection:

Matt 28:18-20 Mark 16:14-20

18 **And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying,** All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

19 **Go ye therefore,** and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

Jesus said that His Words are life.

John 6:63

63 It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: **the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.**

True believers (Christians) hear and know the Voice of the Lord:

John 10:27

27 **My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:**

John 18:37

37 **Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice.**

Jesus spoke in parables or proverbs, but now speaks plainly to us

John 16:25-26

25 **These things have I spoken unto you in proverbs: but the time cometh, when I shall no more speak unto you in proverbs, but I shall shew you plainly of the Father.**

26 At that day ye shall ask in my name: and I say not unto you, that I will pray the Father for you:

The Lord Jesus spoke to Saul and sends him out:

Acts 9:1-9 Acts 22:6-21 Acts 26:13-20

1 **And Saul**, yet breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, went unto the high priest,

2 And desired of him letters to Damascus to the synagogues, that if he found any of this way, whether they were men or women, he might bring them bound unto Jerusalem.

3 And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven:

4 And he fell to the earth, and **heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?**

5 **And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest:** it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.

6 And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? **And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go** into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do.

7 **And the men which journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice, but seeing no man.**

8 And Saul arose from the earth; and when his eyes were opened, he saw no man: but they led him by the hand, and brought him into Damascus.

9 And he was three days without sight, and neither did eat nor drink.

Acts 9:27

27 But Barnabas took him, and brought him to the apostles, and declared unto them **how he had seen the Lord in the way, and that he had spoken to him**, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus.

In Jerusalem, the Lord appears to Paul and speaks to him:

Acts 23:9-11

9 And there arose a great cry: and the scribes that were of the Pharisees' part arose, and strove, saying, We find no evil in this man: but **if a spirit or an angel hath spoken to him, let us not fight against God.**

10 And when there arose a great dissension, the chief captain, fearing lest Paul should have been pulled in pieces of them, commanded the soldiers to go down, and to take him by force from among them, and to bring him into the castle.

11 **And the night following the Lord stood by him, and said,** Be of good cheer, Paul: for as thou hast testified of me in Jerusalem, so must thou bear witness also at Rome.

Here Jesus is called the Angel of God. Paul discloses this by saying:
He is whose I am, and whom I Serve:

Acts 27:21-25

21 But after long abstinence Paul stood forth in the midst of them, and said, Sirs, ye should have hearkened unto me, and not have loosed from Crete, and to have gained this harm and loss.

22 And now I exhort you to be of good cheer: for there shall be no loss of any man's life among you, but of the ship.

23 **For there stood by me this night the angel of God, whose I am, and whom I serve,**

24 **Saying,** Fear not, Paul; thou must be brought before Caesar: and, lo, God hath given thee all them that sail with thee.

25 Wherefore, sirs, be of good cheer: for I believe God, that it shall be even as it was told me.

III. HEARING THE VOICE OF GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT (GHOST):

God the Holy Spirit speaks the Truth, because He only speaks the things He hears from God the Father and Jesus. He *is* the Spirit of Truth.

John 16:13-15

13 **Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come,** he will guide you into all truth: for **he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak:** and he will shew you things to come.

14 He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you.

15 All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall shew it unto you.



Jesus gives His Commandments through the Holy Ghost:

Acts 1:2

2 Until the day in which he was taken up, **after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen:**

As Jesus was *led* by the Holy Spirit, so must we be *led* by Him (Galatians 5:18, 16):

Matt 4:1

1 **Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit** into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.

Mark 1:12

12 **And immediately the Spirit driveth him** into the wilderness.

Luke 4:1

1 And Jesus being full of the Holy Ghost returned from Jordan, **and was led by the Spirit** into the wilderness,

Luke 4:14

14 **And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit** into Galilee: and there went out a fame of him through all the region round about.

God the Holy Spirit *Anointed* Jesus to preach:

Luke 4:18

18 **The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach** the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,

Luke 4:21

21 And he began to say unto them, **This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.**

Simeon is *led* by God the Holy Spirit:

Luke 2:25-27

25 And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon; and the same man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Ghost was upon him.

26 **And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost**, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ.

27 **And he came by the Spirit** into the temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him after the custom of the law,

God the Holy Spirit directs Philip:

Acts 8:29-30

29 **Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go** near, and join thyself to this chariot.

30 And Philip ran thither to him, and heard him read the prophet Esaias, and said, Understandest thou what thou readest?

Then transported him:

Acts 8:39-40

39 And when they were come up out of the water, **the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip**, that the eunuch saw him no more: and he went on his way rejoicing.

40 But Philip was found at Azotus: and passing through he preached in all the cities, till he came to Caesarea.

God the Holy Ghost speaks to the Prophets and Teachers at the Church in Antioch. As they fasted and ministered, God the Holy Ghost calls for Barnabas and Saul to be *sent out* as Apostles (Acts 14:14):

Acts 13:1-4

1 Now there were in the church that was at Antioch **certain prophets and teachers**; as Barnabas, and Simeon that was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen, which had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul.

2 **As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate** me Barnabas and Saul **for the work whereunto I have called them.**

3 And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away.

4 **So they, being sent forth by the Holy Ghost**, departed unto Seleucia; and from thence they sailed to Cyprus.

As we make *decisions* in our work for the Lord, God the Holy Ghost is included in making these *decisions*:

Acts 15:25-29

25 **It seemed good unto us**, being assembled with one accord, to send chosen men unto you with our beloved Barnabas and Paul,

26 Men that have hazarded their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

27 We have sent therefore Judas and Silas, who shall also tell you the same things by mouth.

28 **For it seemed good to the Holy Ghost, and to us**, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things;

29 That ye abstain from meats offered to idols, and from blood, and from things strangled, and from fornication: from which if ye keep yourselves, ye shall do well. Fare ye well.

As Paul and Timothy traveled, God the Holy Ghost directed them. Paul was also directed through the Visions he had:

Acts 16:6-10

6 Now when they had gone throughout Phrygia and the region of Galatia, **and were forbidden of the Holy Ghost to preach** the word in Asia,

7 After they were come to Mysia, they assayed to go into Bithynia: **but the Spirit suffered them not.**

8 And they passing by Mysia came down to Troas.

9 **And a vision appeared to Paul in the night;** There stood a man of Macedonia, and prayed him, saying, Come over into Macedonia, and help us.

10 **And after he had seen the vision, immediately** we endeavoured to go into Macedonia, **assuredly gathering that the Lord had called us for to preach** the gospel unto them.

IV. HEARING THE VOICE OF GOD THROUGH “THE” ANGEL OF THE LORD:

Sometimes in the King James Bible, “The” Angel of the Lord is the Lord himself, other times, it is an Angel:

Ps 34:7

7 The Angel of the LORD encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them.



The Angel of the Lord spoke to Joseph in a Dream.

Matt 1:18-25

18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost.

19 Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a publick example, was minded to put her away privily.

20 But while he thought on these things, behold, **the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream**, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.

21 And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

22 Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying,

23 Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.

24 **Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him**, and took unto him his wife:

25 And knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name JESUS.

The Angel of the Lord spoke to the shepherds in the field.

Luke 2:8-15

8 And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

9 And, lo, **the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them:** and they were sore afraid.

10 **And the angel said unto them, Fear not:** for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

12 And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

13 **And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,**

14 Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

15 And it came to pass, **as the angels were gone away from them into heaven**, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, **which the Lord hath made known unto us.**

Luke 2:20

20 And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God **for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.**

The Angel of the Lord *names* Jesus:

Luke 2:21

21 And when eight days were accomplished for the circumcising of the child, his name was called JESUS, **which was so named of the angel** before he was conceived in the womb.

The Angel of the Lord spoke to Joseph again in a dream.

Matt 2:13

13 And when they were departed, behold, **the angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise,** and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him.

At the Resurrection of Jesus, the Angel of the Lord spoke to both Mary's.

Matt 28:1-7 Mark 16:5-7 Luke 24:1-10 John 20:1-14

1 In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre.

2 And, behold, there was a great earthquake: **for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven,** and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it.

3 **His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow:**

4 And for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead men.

5 **And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not** ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified.

6 He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.

7 **And go** quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead; and, behold, he goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see him: **lo, I have told you.**

The Angel of the Lord spoke to Peter and the other Apostles and told them to *speak* to the people.

Acts 5:18-20

18 And laid their hands on the apostles, and put them in the common prison.

19 But **the angel of the Lord by night opened the prison doors, and brought them forth, and said,**

20 **Go,** stand **and speak** in the temple to the people all the words of this life.

The Angel of the Lord told Philip to *arise and go*:

Acts 8:26-27

26 **And the angel of the Lord spake unto Philip, saying, Arise, and go** toward the south unto the way that goeth down from Jerusalem unto Gaza, which is desert.

27 **And he arose and went:** and, behold, a man of Ethiopia, an eunuch of great authority under Candace queen of the Ethiopians, who had the charge of all her treasure, and had come to Jerusalem for to worship,

The Angel of the Lord spoke to Peter and *leads* him out of prison; while Peter thought it was a Vision it wasn't, but was reality:

Acts 12:6-11

6 And when Herod would have brought him forth, the same night Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains: and the keepers before the door kept the prison.

7 And, behold, **the angel of the Lord came upon him, and a light shined in the prison: and he smote Peter on the side, and raised him up, saying, Arise up quickly.** And his chains fell off from his hands.

8 **And the angel said unto him, Gird thyself,** and bind on thy sandals. And so he did. **And he saith unto him, Cast thy garment about thee, and follow me.**

9 And he went out, and followed him; **and wist not that it was true which was done by the angel; but thought he saw a vision.**

10 When they were past the first and the second ward, they came unto the iron gate that leadeth unto the city; which opened to them of his own accord: **and they went out, and passed on through one street; and forthwith the angel departed from him.**

11 **And when Peter was come to himself, he said, Now I know of a surety, that the Lord hath sent his angel, and hath delivered me out of the hand of Herod, and from all the expectation of the people of the Jews.**

V. HEARING THE VOICE OF GOD THROUGH “AN” ANGEL OF THE LORD:

Sometimes in the King James Bible, “An” Angel of the Lord is the Lord himself:

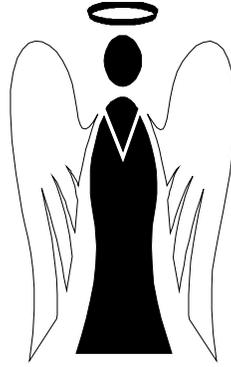
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Acts 7:30

30 And when forty years were expired, there appeared to him in the wilderness of mount Sina **an angel of the Lord** in a flame of fire in a bush.

Acts 7:32

32 **Saying, I am the God of thy fathers,** the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Then Moses trembled, and durst not behold.



However, most of the time “An” Angel of the Lord in the King James Bible is Gabriel or another Angel of the Lord.

An Angel of the Lord (Gabriel) appears to Zacharias the Priest in the Temple. If this happens to you, do not doubt:

Luke 1:5-6

5 There was in the days of Herod, the king of Judaea, **a certain priest named Zacharias**, of the course of Abia: and his wife was of the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elisabeth.

6 And they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless.

Luke 1:11-20

11 **And there appeared unto him an angel of the Lord** standing on the right side of the altar of incense.

12 And when Zacharias saw him, he was troubled, and fear fell upon him.

13 **But the angel said unto him, Fear not, Zacharias: for thy prayer is heard;** and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John.

14 And thou shalt have joy and gladness; and many shall rejoice at his birth.

15 For he shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink; and he shall be filled with the Holy Ghost, even from his mother's womb.

16 And many of the children of Israel shall he turn to the Lord their God.

17 And he shall go before him in the spirit and power of Elias, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.

18 **And Zacharias said unto the angel,** Whereby shall I know this? for I am an old man, and my wife well stricken in years.

19 **And the angel answering said unto him, I am Gabriel, that stand in the presence of God; and am sent to speak unto thee, and to shew thee these glad tidings.**

20 **And, behold, thou shalt be dumb,** and not able to speak, until the day that these things shall be performed, **because thou believest not my words,** which shall be fulfilled in their season.

Then the Angel Gabriel is sent from God to Mary:

Luke 1:24-38

24 And after those days his wife Elisabeth conceived, and hid herself five months, saying,

25 Thus hath the Lord dealt with me in the days wherein he looked on me, to take away my reproach among men.

26 **And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth,**

27 **To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary.**

28 **And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail,** thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women.

29 And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be.

30 **And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary:** for thou hast found favour with God.

31 **And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS.**

32 He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David:

33 And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.

34 Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?

35 **And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee,** and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore **also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.**

36 And, behold, thy cousin Elisabeth, she hath also conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her, who was called barren.

37 For with God nothing shall be impossible.

38 **And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her.**

Mary believed the Angel:

Luke 1:45

45 **And blessed is she that believed: for there shall be a performance of those things which were told her from the Lord.**

An Angel of the Lord appears to Joseph in a dream in Egypt, and tells him to leave. Upon arriving in Israel, he almost 'chickens out', but is warned by God in a dream:

Matt 2:19-22

19 But when Herod was dead, **behold, an angel of the Lord appeareth in a dream to Joseph in Egypt,**

20 **Saying, Arise,** and take the young child and his mother, **and go** into the land of Israel: for they are dead which sought the young child's life.

21 **And he arose,** and took the young child and his mother, and came into the land of Israel.

22 But when he heard that Archelaus did reign in Judaea in the room of his father Herod, **he was afraid to go thither: notwithstanding, being warned of God in a dream, he turned aside** into the parts of Galilee:

Jesus is *strengthened* by an Angel of the Lord:

Luke 22:42-43

42 Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done.

43 **And there appeared an angel unto him from heaven, strengthening him.**

An Angel of God spoke to Cornelius in a Vision:

Acts 10:1-8

1 There was a certain man in Caesarea called **Cornelius**, a centurion of the band called the Italian band,

2 A devout man, and one that feared God with all his house, which gave much alms to the people, and prayed to God alway.

3 **He saw in a vision** evidently about the ninth hour of the day **an angel of God coming in to him, and saying unto him, Cornelius.**

4 And when he looked on him, he was afraid, and said, **What is it, Lord? And he said unto him,** Thy prayers and thine alms are come up for a memorial before God.

5 **And now send** men to Joppa, **and call** for one Simon, whose surname is **Peter**:

6 He lodgeth with one Simon a tanner, whose house is by the sea side: he shall tell thee what thou oughtest to do.

7 **And when the angel which spake unto Cornelius was departed,** he called two of his household servants, and a devout soldier of them that waited on him continually;

8 And when he had declared all these things unto them, **he sent them to Joppa.**

Acts 10:21-22

21 **Then Peter went down to the men** which were sent unto him from Cornelius; and said, Behold, I am he whom ye seek: what is the cause wherefore ye are come?

22 **And they said, Cornelius** the centurion, a just man, and one that feareth God, and of good report among all the nation of the Jews, **was warned from God by an holy angel to send for thee into his house, and to hear words of thee.**

Acts 10:30-33

30 **And Cornelius said,** Four days ago I was fasting until this hour; and at the ninth hour I prayed in my house, and, behold, **a man stood before me in bright clothing,**

31 **And said,** Cornelius, thy prayer is heard, and thine alms are had in remembrance in the sight of God.

32 **Send** therefore to Joppa, **and call** hither Simon, whose surname is Peter; he is lodged in the house of one Simon a tanner by the sea side: who, when he cometh, shall speak unto thee.

33 **Immediately therefore I sent to thee;** and thou hast well done that thou art come. **Now therefore are we all here present before God, to hear all things that are commanded thee of God.**

Acts 11:12-14

12 Moreover these six brethren accompanied me, and we entered into the man's house:

13 **And he shewed us how he had seen an angel in his house, which stood and said unto him, Send men to Joppa, and call for Simon, whose surname is Peter;**

14 **Who shall tell thee words, whereby thou and all thy house shall be saved.**

VI. HEARING THE VOICE OF GOD THROUGH 'ANGELS':

Heb 1:14

14 **Are they not all ministering spirits,**
sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs
of salvation?



The women at the sepulcher *saw* and *heard* Angels:

Luke 24:22-24

22 Yea, and certain women also of our company made us astonished, which were early at the sepulchre;

23 **And when they found not his body, they came, saying, that they had also seen a vision of angels, which said that he was alive.**

24 **And certain of them which were with us went to the sepulchre, and found it even so as the women had said: but him they saw not.**

Two Angels spoke to the Apostles as Jesus ascended into heaven.

Acts 1:10-11

10 **And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel;**

11 **Which also said,** Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.

VII. HEARING THE VOICE OF GOD IN A “STILL SMALL VOICE”:



When fleeing from Jezebel, Elijah heard the “Voice of God” in many ways. The Voice was God (Jesus), but he heard it as an Angel of the Lord, the Angel of the Lord, the Word of God, and finally as a “Still Small Voice”.

Sometimes we expect God to speak to us in a dramatic way, but notice here that God was *not* in the strong wind, the earthquake, nor the fire, but was *as* a “Still Small Voice”.

IKing 19:4-16

4 But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a juniper tree: and he requested for himself that he might die; and said, It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life; for I am not better than my fathers.

5 And as he lay and slept under a juniper tree, behold, then **an angel touched him, and said unto him, Arise and eat.**

6 And he looked, and, behold, there was a cake baken on the coals, and a cruse of water at his head. **And he did eat and drink,** and laid him down again.

7 **And the angel of the LORD came again the second time, and touched him, and said, Arise and eat;** because the journey is too great for thee.

8 **And he arose, and did eat and drink,** and went in the strength of that meat forty days and forty nights unto Horeb the mount of God.

9 And he came thither unto a cave, and lodged there; and, behold, **the word of the LORD came to him, and he said unto him,** What doest thou here, Elijah?

10 And he said, I have been very jealous for the LORD God of hosts: for the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away.

11 **And he said, Go forth, and stand upon the mount before the LORD. And, behold, the LORD passed by,** and a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and brake in pieces the rocks before the LORD; **but the LORD was not in the wind:** and after the wind an earthquake; **but the LORD was not in the earthquake:**

12 And after the earthquake a fire; **but the LORD was not in the fire:** and after the fire **a still small voice.**

13 **And it was so, when Elijah heard it,** that he wrapped his face in his mantle, and went out, and stood in the entering in of the cave. And, behold, **there came a voice unto him, and said, What doest thou here, Elijah?**

14 And he said, I have been very jealous for the LORD God of hosts: because the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy

prophets with the sword; and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away.

15 **And the LORD said unto him, Go,** return on thy way to the wilderness of Damascus: and when thou comest, anoint Hazael to be king over Syria:

16 And **Jehu** the son of Nimshi shalt thou **anoint to be king** over Israel: and **Elisha** the son of Shaphat of Abelmeholah shalt thou **anoint to be prophet** in thy room.

VIII. HEARING THE VOICE OF GOD THROUGH ‘THE SCRIPTURES’:

Although there are many ways to hear the “Voice of God”, most of the time we hear Him through the *reading* of the Scriptures.

Rom 15:4

4 For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the **scriptures** might have hope.

2 Tim 3:16,17

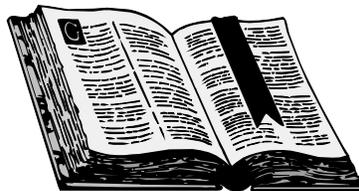
16 **All scripture is given by inspiration of God,** and is profitable **for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:**

17 **That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.**

2 Pet 1:20-21

20 Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the **scripture** is of any private interpretation.

21 **For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.**



His Words are *nigh* unto thee:

Deut 30:10-14

10 **If thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to keep his commandments and his statutes which are written in this book of the law,** and if thou turn unto the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul.

11 For this commandment which I command thee this day, it is not hidden from thee, neither is it far off.

12 **It is not in heaven, that thou shouldest say, Who shall go up for us to heaven, and bring it unto us, that we may hear it, and do it?**

13 **Neither is it beyond the sea, that thou shouldest say, Who shall go over the sea for us, and bring it unto us, that we may hear it, and do it?**

14 **But the word is very nigh unto thee, in thy mouth, and in thy heart, that thou mayest do it.**

It is important to *know* and to *understand* the Scriptures:

Luke 24:32

32 And they said one to another, **Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures?**

Luke 24:44-45

44 And he said unto them, **These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you,** that all things must be fulfilled, **which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms,** concerning me.

45 **Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures,**

The Scriptures reveal the mysteries of God:

Rom 16:25-26

25 Now to him that is of power **to stablish you** according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, **according to the revelation of the mystery,** which was kept secret since the world began,

26 **But now is made manifest, and by the scriptures of the prophets,** according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the obedience of faith:

It is important that we learn the Scriptures as a child:

2 Tim 3:15

15 **And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures,** which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

And we should read the Scriptures **daily**:

Acts 17:11

11 **These were more noble** than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, **and searched the scriptures daily,** whether those things were so.

Ps 1:1-2

1 **Blessed is the man** that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

2 But **his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.**

Ps 119:97

97 **O how love I thy law! it is my meditation all the day.**

The ‘unlearned’ and ‘unstable’ *cannot* understand the Scriptures:

2 Pet 3:16-17

16 **As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction.**

17 Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know these things before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own stedfastness.

Matt 22:29 Mark 12:24

29 Jesus answered and said unto them, **Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God.**

IX. HEARING THE VOICE OF GOD THROUGH MAN (CHURCH LEADERS), WITH THE “DOMA GIFTS”; ALSO KNOWN AS THE “FIVE FOLD MINISTRY”:

Eph 4:8

8 Wherefore he saith, **When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave (Doma) gifts unto men.**

Eph 4:11-12

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:**

1 Cor 12:27-28

27 Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular.

28 **And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues.**



HEARING THE VOICE OF GOD:

THROUGH THE APOSTLE/MESSENGER:

(Available is the book "Apostle" by Timothy II)

1 Tim 2:7

7 Whereunto **I am ordained** a preacher, and **an apostle**, (I speak the truth in Christ, and lie not;) **a teacher** of the Gentiles in faith and verity.

2 Tim 1:11

11 Whereunto **I am appointed a preacher**, and **an apostle**, and a teacher of the Gentiles.

2 Cor 12:12

12 Truly **the signs of an apostle** were wrought among you in all patience, in signs, and wonders, and mighty deeds.

Eph 3:4-5

4 Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand **my knowledge in the mystery of Christ**

5 Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as **it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit;**

THROUGH THE PROPHET:

To the brethren:

Acts 15:32

32 And Judas and Silas, **being prophets** also themselves, **exhorted the brethren with many words, and confirmed them.**

Acts 21:10

10 And as we tarried there many days, there came down from Judaea **a certain prophet, named Agabus.**

To the Church:

Jer 7:1-7

1 **The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying,**

2 **Stand in the gate of the LORD's house, and proclaim there this word, and say, Hear the word of the LORD, all ye of Judah, that enter in at these gates to worship the LORD.**

- 3 **Thus saith the LORD of hosts**, the God of Israel, Amend your ways and your doings, and I will cause you to dwell in this place.
- 4 **Trust ye not in lying words**, saying, The temple of the LORD, The temple of the LORD, The temple of the LORD, are these.
- 5 For if ye throughly amend your ways and your doings; if ye throughly execute judgment between a man and his neighbour;
- 6 If ye oppress not the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, and shed not innocent blood in this place, neither walk after other gods to your hurt:
- 7 Then will I cause you to dwell in this place, in the land that I gave to your fathers, for ever and ever.

To the Cities:

Jer 11:1-6

- 1 **The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD**, saying,
- 2 **Hear ye the words of this covenant, and speak unto the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem;**
- 3 And say thou unto them, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel; Cursed be the man that obeyeth not the words of this covenant,
- 4 Which I commanded your fathers in the day that I brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, from the iron furnace, **saying, Obey my voice, and do them, according to all which I command you: so shall ye be my people, and I will be your God:**
- 5 That I may perform the oath which I have sworn unto your fathers, to give them a land flowing with milk and honey, as it is this day. Then answered I, and said, So be it, O LORD.
- 6 **Then the LORD said unto me, Proclaim all these words in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem, saying, Hear ye the words of this covenant, and do them.**

To the Nations:

Ezek 1:28

- 28 As the appearance of the bow that is in the cloud in the day of rain, so was the appearance of the brightness round about. This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the LORD. And when I saw it, **I fell upon my face, and I heard a voice of one that spake.**

Ezek 2:1-5

- 1 **And he said unto me**, Son of man, **stand upon thy feet, and I will speak unto thee.**
- 2 **And the spirit entered into me when he spake unto me, and set me upon my feet, that I heard him that spake unto me.**
- 3 **And he said unto me, Son of man, I send thee to the children of Israel, to a rebellious nation** that hath rebelled against me: they and their fathers have transgressed against me, even unto this very day.
- 4 For they are impudent children and stiffhearted. I do send thee unto them; and thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD.

5 **And they, whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear,** (for they are a rebellious house,) **yet shall know that there hath been a prophet among them.**

Ezek 2:7

7 **And thou shalt speak my words unto them,** whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear: for they are most rebellious.

THROUGH THE EVANGELIST:

Acts 21:8

8 And the next day we that were of Paul's company departed, and came unto Caesarea: and we entered into the house of **Philip the evangelist**, which was one of the seven; and abode with him.

Acts 8:5-7

5 Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and **preached Christ** unto them.

6 **And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spake, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did.**

7 For unclean spirits, crying with loud voice, came out of many that were possessed with them: and many taken with palsies, and that were lame, were healed.

THROUGH THE PASTOR/PRIEST:

(Available is the book "The Seven Golden Candlesticks" by Timothy II)

Mal 2:7

7 For the **priest's** lips should keep knowledge, and **they should seek the law at his mouth: for he is the messenger of the LORD of hosts.**

Acts 20:28

28 Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, **to feed the church of God**, which he hath purchased with his own blood.

THROUGH THE TEACHER:

Acts 13:1-2

1 Now **there were in the church** that was at Antioch certain **prophets and teachers**; as Barnabas, and Simeon that was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen, which had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul.

2 As **they ministered to the Lord**, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them.

Isa 30:19-20

19 For the people shall dwell in Zion at Jerusalem: thou shalt weep no more: he will be very gracious unto thee **at the voice of thy cry; when he shall hear it, he will answer thee.**

20 And though the Lord give you the bread of adversity, and the water of affliction, **yet shall not thy teachers be removed into a corner any more, but thine eyes shall see thy teachers:**

Isa 30:30-31

30 **And the LORD shall cause his glorious voice to be heard,** and shall shew the lighting down of his arm, with the indignation of his anger, and with the flame of a devouring fire, with scattering, and tempest, and hailstones.

31 **For through the voice of the LORD shall the Assyrian be beaten down,** which smote with a rod.

IX. (CONT.) HEARING THE VOICE OF GOD THROUGH MAN (CHRISTIANS) WITH THE “CHARISMA GIFTS”:

1 Cor 12:1

1 Now **concerning spiritual (Charisma) gifts,** brethren, I would not have you ignorant.

1 Cor 12:4

4 Now **there are diversities of gifts,** but the same Spirit.

1 Cor 12:7-11

7 **But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man** to profit withal.

8 **For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit;**

9 To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit;

10 To another the working of miracles; **to another prophecy;** to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; **to another the interpretation of tongues:**

11 **But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.**



God sometimes speaks to us through Christians with the Charisma Gifts of “Words of Wisdom”, “Words of Knowledge”, “Prophecy” and the “Interpretation of Tongues”, that are given to them by God the Holy Spirit.

HEARING THE VOICE OF GOD: THROUGH A WORD OF WISDOM:

Some Christians have the Gift of the “Word of Wisdom”, and are able to advise believers on what God would have them to do. This is particularly important when praying for Christians who want to know the ‘Will of God’ for their life.

Prov 2:6

6 **For the LORD giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge** and understanding.

James 3:17

17 **But the wisdom that is from above** is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.

THROUGH A WORD OF KNOWLEDGE:

Some Christians that have the Gift of the “Word of Knowledge”, are able to hear from the Lord and Call-out to believers various illnesses, both physical and mental, and advise them about their healing.

Col 2:2-4

2God, and of the Father, and of Christ;

3 **In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.**

4 And this I say, lest any man should beguile you with enticing words.

Isa 33:6

6 **And wisdom and knowledge shall be the stability of thy times,** and strength of salvation:

THROUGH PROPHECY:

Some Christians are able to prophesy through the Gift of “Prophecy”; however, very few that prophesy are Prophets of God. They are people that have the ‘Charisma Gift’ of Prophecy, or are Prophets of the Church.

1 Cor 14:1

1 Follow after charity, and desire spiritual gifts, **but rather that ye may prophesy.**

1 Cor 14:3

3 **But he that prophesieth speaketh unto men to edification, and exhortation, and comfort.**

1 Cor 14:4-5

4 He that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth himself; but **he that prophesieth edifieth the church.**

5 I would that ye all spake with tongues, **but rather that ye prophesied: for greater is he that prophesieth than he that speaketh with tongues,** except he interpret, that the church may receive edifying.

1 Cor 14:22

22 Wherefore tongues are for a sign, not to them that believe, but to them that believe not: but **prophesying serveth not for them that believe not, but for them which believe.**

1 Cor 14:24-25

24 But **if all prophesy**, and there come in one that believeth not, or one unlearned, he is convinced of all, he is judged of all:

25 And **thus are the secrets of his heart made manifest**; and so falling down on his face he will worship God, and report that God is in you of a truth.

1 Cor 14:29-33

29 **Let the prophets speak two or three, and let the other judge.**

30 **If any thing be revealed to another that sitteth by, let the first hold his peace.**

31 **For ye may all prophesy one by one, that all may learn, and all may be comforted.**

32 **And the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets.**

33 For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.

1 Cor 14:39

39 **Wherefore, brethren, covet to prophesy**, and forbid not to speak with tongues.

Acts 2:16-18 Joel 2:28-29

16 But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel;

17 And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and **your sons and your daughters shall prophesy**,

18 **And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy:**

THROUGH INTERPRETATION OF TONGUES:

God the Holy Ghost speaks through some of us in “Tongues”.

Acts 2:4

4 And **they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.**

Although “Tongues” edify ourselves, if there is an “Interpretation of Tongues”, it will Edify the Church.

1 Cor 14:2

2 For **he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth him**; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries.

1 Cor 14:4

4 **He that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth himself**; but he that prophesieth edifieth the church.

1 Cor 14:5

5 I would that ye all spake with tongues, but rather that ye prophesied: for greater is he that prophesieth than he that speaketh with tongues, **except he interpret, that the church may receive edifying.**

We can reveal the ‘Prophetic’ meaning or ‘Revelation’ of “Tongues” through the “Interpretation of Tongues”.

1 Cor 14:6

6 Now, brethren, **if I come unto you speaking with tongues, what shall I profit you, except I shall speak to you either by revelation, or by knowledge, or by prophesying, or by doctrine?**

1 Cor 14:12

12 Even so ye, forasmuch as ye are zealous of spiritual gifts, **seek that ye may excel to the edifying of the church.**

1 Cor 14:13-16

13 **Wherefore let him that speaketh in an unknown tongue pray that he may interpret.**

14 **For if I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prayeth,** but my understanding is unfruitful.

15 **What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also:** I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also.

16 Else when thou shalt bless with the spirit, how shall he that occupieth the room of the unlearned say Amen at thy giving of thanks, seeing he understandeth not what thou sayest?

1 Cor 14:18-19

18 I thank my God, I speak with tongues more than ye all:

19 **Yet in the church I had rather speak five words with my understanding,** that by my voice I might teach others also, than ten thousand words in an unknown tongue.

1 Cor 14:22-23

22 **Wherefore tongues are for a sign, not to them that believe, but to them that believe not:** but prophesying serveth not for them that believe not, but for them which believe.

23 If therefore the whole church be come together into one place, and all speak with tongues, and there come in those that are unlearned, or unbelievers, will they not say that ye are mad?

1 Cor 14:26-28

26 How is it then, brethren? **when ye come together, every one of you hath a psalm, hath a doctrine, hath a tongue, hath a revelation, hath an interpretation. Let all things be done unto edifying.**

27 **If any man speak in an unknown tongue, let it be by two, or at the most by three,** and that by course; **and let one interpret.**

28 **But if there be no interpreter, let him keep silence in the church;** and let him speak to himself, and to God.

1 Cor 14:39-40

39 Wherefore, brethren, covet to prophesy, and **forbid not to speak with tongues.**

40 **Let all things be done decently and in order.**

X. HEARING THE VOICE OF GOD THROUGH "VISIONS":

Acts 2:16-18 Joel 2:28-29

16 But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel;

17 And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and **your young men shall see visions,**

18 And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit;



The Lord Jesus speaks to Ananias, a disciple, in a Vision:

Acts 9:10-18

10 And there was a certain disciple at Damascus, named **Ananias; and to him said the Lord in a vision**, Ananias. And he said, Behold, I am here, Lord.

11 **And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go** into the street which is called Straight, and inquire in the house of Judas for one called Saul, of Tarsus: for, behold, he prayeth,

12 **And hath seen in a vision a man named Ananias** coming in, and putting his hand on him, that he might receive his sight.

13 **Then Ananias answered**, Lord, I have heard by many of this man, how much evil he hath done to thy saints at Jerusalem:

14 And here he hath authority from the chief priests to bind all that call on thy name.

15 **But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way:** for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel:

16 For I will shew him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake.

17 **And Ananias went his way**, and entered into the house; **and putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost.**

18 And **immediately** there fell from his eyes as it had been scales: and he received sight forthwith, and arose, and was baptized.

The Lord speaks to Paul in Corinth, at night, in a Vision:

Acts 18:9-11

9 **Then spake the Lord to Paul in the night by a vision,** Be not afraid, but speak, and hold not thy peace:

10 For I am with thee, and no man shall set on thee to hurt thee: for I have much people in this city.

11 And he continued there a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them.

The Voice of God the Holy Spirit speaks to Peter through a Vision, while he is in a Trance:

Acts 10:9-20

9 On the morrow, as they went on their journey, and drew nigh unto the city, Peter went up upon the housetop to pray about the sixth hour:

10 And he became very hungry, and would have eaten: but while they made ready, **he fell into a trance,**

11 **And saw heaven opened,** and a certain vessel descending unto him, as it had been a great sheet knit at the four corners, and let down to the earth:

12 Wherein were all manner of fourfooted beasts of the earth, and wild beasts, and creeping things, and fowls of the air.

13 **And there came a voice to him, Rise, Peter;** kill, and eat.

14 But Peter said, **Not so, Lord;** for I have never eaten any thing that is common or unclean.

15 **And the voice spake unto him again the second time,** What God hath cleansed, that call not thou common.

16 This was done thrice: and the vessel was received up again into heaven.

17 Now while Peter doubted in himself what **this vision which he had seen** should mean, behold, the men which were sent from Cornelius had made inquiry for Simon's house, and stood before the gate,

18 And called, and asked whether Simon, which was surnamed Peter, were lodged there.

19 **While Peter thought on the vision, the Spirit said unto him,** Behold, three men seek thee.

20 **Arise** therefore, and get thee down, **and go** with them, doubting nothing: **for I have sent them.**

Acts 11:4-12

4 But **Peter rehearsed the matter** from the beginning, and expounded it by order unto them, saying,

5 I was in the city of Joppa praying: **and in a trance I saw a vision,** A certain vessel descend, as it had been a great sheet, let down from heaven by four corners; and it came even to me:

6 Upon the which when I had fastened mine eyes, I considered, and saw fourfooted beasts of the earth, and wild beasts, and creeping things, and fowls of the air.

- 7 **And I heard a voice saying unto me, Arise, Peter;** slay and eat.
 8 But I said, **Not so, Lord:** for nothing common or unclean hath at any time entered into my mouth.
 9 **But the voice answered me again from heaven,** What God hath cleansed, that call not thou common.
 10 And this was done three times: and all were drawn up again into heaven.
 11 And, behold, immediately there were three men already come unto the house where I was, sent from Caesarea unto me.
 12 **And the spirit bade me go with them,** nothing doubting.

XI. HEARING THE VOICE OF GOD THROUGH ‘REVELATIONS’:

2 Cor 12:1

1 It is not expedient for me doubtless to glory. **I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord.**

2 Cor 12:7

7 **And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations,** there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure.



Paul was able to speak through Revelation.

1 Cor 14:6

6 Now, brethren, if I come unto you speaking with tongues, what shall I profit you, **except I shall speak to you either by revelation,** or by knowledge, or by prophesying, or by doctrine?

We too are able to have revelations.

1 Cor 14:26

26 **How is it then, brethren?** when ye come together, **every one of you** hath a psalm, hath a doctrine, hath a tongue, **hath a revelation,** hath an interpretation. Let all things be done unto edifying.

The Gospel came to Paul by the Revelation of Jesus Christ.

Gal 1:11-12

11 But I certify you, brethren, that **the gospel which was preached of me is not after man.**

12 **For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ.**

Eph 3:3-5

3 **How that by revelation** he made known unto me the mystery; (as I wrote afore in few words,

4 **Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ)**

5 Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit;

Paul also moved according to Revelation.

Gal 2:2

2 **And I went up by revelation,** and communicated unto them that gospel which I preach among the Gentiles, but privately to them which were of reputation, lest by any means I should run, or had run, in vain.

XII. HEARING THE VOICE OF GOD THROUGH ‘DREAMS’:

Some Christians have Dreams that are a Vision in sleep, rather than a waking Vision. Hearing the “Voice of God” through Dreams is still for today.

Acts 2:16-18 Joel 2:28-29

16 But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel;

17 **And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh:**

.....and your old men shall dream dreams:

18 And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit;



The Wise men were **warned** by God in a Dream.

Matt 2:1

1 Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came **wise men** from the east to Jerusalem,

Matt 2:12

12 **And being warned of God in a dream** that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way.

The Angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a Dream.

Matt 1:20

20 But while he thought on these things, behold, **the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream**, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.

OTHER IMPORTANT AREAS ABOUT HEARING THE VOICE OF GOD:

I. CONFIRMING THE “VOICE OF GOD” BY SETTING A FLEECE:



When you hear from God and you are not sure it is Him, or maybe you want to make sure you are hearing from Him correctly, it is Scripturally sound to ‘Set a Fleece’.

You do this by making a decision on a matter, and after praying to ask God for His direction, you set a ‘course of action’.

As you move out He will direct your ‘course of action’ in one direction or another, or He may close the door completely.

No matter what He does, it is imperative that you then follow **His** course of action and not your own!

The following story is about Gideon. He was Called of God to deliver Israel.

After the children of Israel heard the “Voice of God” through a Prophet, Gideon himself heard from God through different ways, such as “An Angel of the Lord”, “The Angel of the Lord” (no doubt Jesus Himself), and from the “Spirit of the Lord”.

Even though all these ‘Messengers’ spoke to Gideon, he had many doubts.

At first he questions the Angel in 6:13,15. Then he asks for a ‘Sign’ from the Angel of the Lord in 6:17, and receives it in 6:21.

Next, when the Spirit of the Lord came upon him, he “Set a Fleece” to confirm that God was going to use him to save Israel in 6:37. God answers in 6:38.

As if this wasn’t enough, Gideon again “Sets a Fleece” to God in order to confirm what God was calling him to do in 6:39. God again answers in 6:40.

It makes you wonder why God was so hard on Zacharias when he questioned the words of the Angel Gabriel in Luke 1.

Judg 6:7-27

7 And it came to pass, when the children of Israel cried unto the LORD because of the Midianites,

8 **That the LORD sent a prophet unto the children of Israel,** which said unto them, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, I brought you up from Egypt, and brought you forth out of the house of bondage;

9 And I delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians, and out of the hand of all that oppressed you, and drave them out from before you, and gave you their land;

10 **And I said unto you, I am the LORD your God;** fear not the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: **but ye have not obeyed my voice.**

11 **And there came an angel of the LORD,** and sat under an oak which was in Ophrah, that pertained unto Joash the Abi-ezrite: and his son **Gideon** threshed wheat by the winepress, to hide it from the Midianites.

12 **And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him, and said unto him, The LORD is with thee, thou mighty man of valour.**

13 **And Gideon said unto him, Oh my Lord, if the LORD be with us, why then is all this befallen us? and where be all his miracles** which our fathers told us of, saying, Did not the LORD bring us up from Egypt? but now the LORD hath forsaken us, and delivered us into the hands of the Midianites.

14 **And the LORD looked upon him, and said, Go in this thy might, and thou shalt save Israel from the hand of the Midianites: have not I sent thee?**

15 **And he said unto him, Oh my Lord, wherewith shall I save Israel? behold, my family is poor** in Manasseh, and I am the least in my father's house.

16 **And the LORD said unto him, Surely I will be with thee,** and thou shalt smite the Midianites as one man.

17 **And he said unto him, If now I have found grace in thy sight, then shew me a sign that thou talkest with me.**

18 Depart not hence, I pray thee, until I come unto thee, and bring forth my present, and set it before thee. **And he said, I will tarry until thou come again.**

19 And **Gideon** went in, and made ready a kid, and unleavened cakes of an ephah of flour: the flesh he put in a basket, and he put the broth in a pot, and brought it out unto him under the oak, and presented it.

20 **And the angel of God said unto him,** Take the flesh and the unleavened cakes, and lay them upon this rock, and pour out the broth. And he did so.

21 **Then the angel of the LORD put forth the end of the staff that was in his hand, and touched the flesh and the unleavened cakes; and there rose up fire out of the rock, and consumed the flesh and the unleavened cakes. Then the angel of the LORD departed out of his sight.**

22 **And when Gideon perceived that he was an angel of the LORD, Gideon said,** Alas, O Lord GOD! for because **I have seen an angel of the LORD face to face.**

23 **And the LORD said unto him,** Peace be unto thee; fear not: thou shalt not die.

24 Then **Gideon** built an altar there unto the LORD, and called it Jehovah-shalom: unto this day it is yet in Ophrah of the Abi-ezrites.

25 **And it came to pass the same night, that the LORD said unto him,** Take thy father's young bullock, even the second bullock of seven years old, and throw down the altar of Baal that thy father hath, and cut down the grove that is by it:

26 And **build an altar unto the LORD thy God** upon the top of this rock, in the ordered place, and take the second bullock, and offer a burnt sacrifice with the wood of the grove which thou shalt cut down.

27 **Then Gideon took ten men of his servants, and did as the LORD had said unto him:** and so it was, because he feared his father's household, and the men of the city, that he could not do it by day, that he did it by night.

Judg 6:33-40

33 Then all the Midianites and the Amalekites and the children of the east were gathered together, and went over, and pitched in the valley of Jezreel.

34 **But the Spirit of the LORD came upon Gideon,** and he blew a trumpet; and Abi-ezer was gathered after him.

35 And he sent messengers throughout all Manasseh; who also was gathered after him: and he sent messengers unto Asher, and unto Zebulun, and unto Naphtali; and they came up to meet them.

36 **And Gideon said unto God, If thou wilt save Israel by mine hand, as thou hast said,**

37 **Behold, I will 'put a fleece' of wool in the floor;** and if the dew be on the fleece only, and it be dry upon all the earth beside, **then shall I know that thou wilt save Israel by mine hand, as thou hast said.**

38 **And it was so:** for he rose up early on the morrow, and thrust the fleece together, and wringed the dew out of the fleece, a bowl full of water.

39 And Gideon said unto God, Let not thine anger be hot against me, and I will speak but this once: let me prove, I pray thee, but this once with the fleece; let it now be dry only upon the fleece, and upon all the ground let there be dew.

40 And God did so that night: for it was dry upon the fleece only, and there was dew on all the ground.

II. LISTENING AND MOVING ACCORDING TO OUR OWN SPIRIT:

For *Mature* Servants of the Lord only!



At certain times, after we have *Matured* in the Lord, God allows us to move according to our own spirit, but this must be done only when we are moving according to *His* Will. (Romans 12:1,2 Ephesians 1:9 5:17 Philippians 2:12, 13)

Acts 17:16-17

16 Now while Paul waited for them at Athens, **his spirit was stirred in him**, when he saw the city wholly given to idolatry.

17 Therefore disputed he in the synagogue with the Jews, and with the devout persons, and in the market daily with them that met with him.

Acts 18:5

5 And when Silas and Timotheus were come from Macedonia, **Paul was pressed in the spirit**, and testified to the Jews that Jesus was Christ.

Acts 19:21-22

21 After these things were ended, **Paul purposed in the spirit**, when he had passed through Macedonia and Achaia, to go to Jerusalem, saying, After I have been there, I must also see Rome.

22 So he sent into Macedonia two of them that ministered unto him, Timotheus and Erastus; but he himself stayed in Asia for a season.

Even though God may reveal to us what may happen to us by going somewhere, it doesn't necessarily mean we are not to go there.

Paul is witnessed to by the Holy Ghost that he will be put in bonds if he goes to Jerusalem, yet he continues his course. Was Paul disobedient?

Acts 20:22-24

22 And now, behold, **I go bound in the spirit unto Jerusalem, not knowing the things that shall befall me there:**

23 **Save that the Holy Ghost witnesseth in every city, saying that bonds and afflictions abide me.**

24 **But none of these things move me,** neither count I my life dear unto myself, so **that I might finish my course with joy,** and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God. (2 Timothy 4:7)

Acts 21:4

4 **And finding disciples,** we tarried there seven days: **who said to Paul through the Spirit, that he should not go up to Jerusalem.**

Acts 21:10-14

10 And as we tarried there many days, there came down from Judaea **a certain prophet, named Agabus.**

11 And when he was come unto us, **he took Paul's girdle, and bound his own hands and feet, and said, Thus saith the Holy Ghost,** So shall the Jews at Jerusalem bind the man that owneth this girdle, and shall deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles.

12 And when we heard these things, both we, and **they of that place, besought him not to go up to Jerusalem.**

13 **Then Paul answered,** What mean ye to weep and to break mine heart? for I am ready not to be bound only, but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus.

14 **And when he would not be persuaded, we ceased, saying, The will of the Lord be done.**

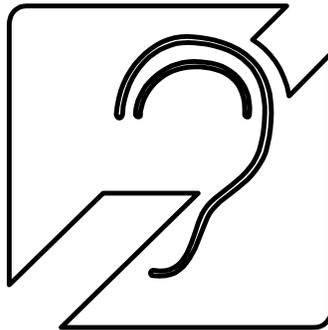
The results were:

Acts 24:27

27 **But after two years** Porcius Festus came into Felix' room: and Felix, willing to shew the Jews a pleasure, **left Paul bound.**

III. WARNINGS ABOUT HEARING THE “VOICE OF GOD”:

We must be *sure* it *is* the “Voice of God” we are hearing!



HEARING SATAN'S VOICE:

We must be able to *discern* if it is God's Voice or Satan's voice that we are hearing.

John 8:42-47

42 Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me.

43 **Why do ye not understand my speech? even because ye cannot hear my word.**

44 **Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do.** He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. **When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.**

45 And because I tell you the truth, ye believe me not.

46 Which of you convinceth me of sin? And if I say the truth, why do ye not believe me?

47 **He that is of God heareth God's words: ye therefore hear them not, because ye are not of God.**

Here Satan spoke through Peter:

Matt 16:21-23 Mark 8:31-33

21 From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day.

22 **Then Peter took him, and began to rebuke him, saying, Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall not be unto thee.**

23 **But he turned, and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men.**

Satan also speaks through his demons:

There are fourteen demonic spirits in the Bible that could be speaking to you.

(See the Study Guide "Demons" by Timothy II)

It is important for *Mature* Christians to *test* the spirits to see whether they are of God.

I Jn 4:1-2

1 Beloved, **believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God:** because many false prophets are gone out into the world.

2 Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: **Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God:**

It is also important as *Mature* Christians that we seek the "Charisma Gift" of "Discerning of spirits". That way we can be sure who is speaking to us.

1 Cor 12:10

10 To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; **to another discerning of spirits**; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues: There are also “Seducing spirits” that can be *confusing* voices to Christians. These can be easily removed. (See the Study Guide “Demons” by Timothy II)

1 Tim 4:1-2

1 **Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;**
 2 Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron;

This is why *Mature* Christians *must* continue to study the ‘meat’ of the Word , and exercise our senses to ‘discern’ between good and evil.

Heb 5:12-14

12 For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat.

13 For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe.

14 **But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.**

IV. OTHER WARNINGS ABOUT HEARING THE “VOICE OF GOD”:



THOSE THAT ARE DULL OF HEARING:

Many people are ‘Dull of Hearing’ the “Voice of God”.

Heb 5:11

11 Of whom we have many things to say, and hard to be uttered, **seeing ye are dull of hearing.**

Matt 13:15-17

15 **For this people's heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and should understand with their heart, and should be converted,** and I should heal them.

16 **But blessed are your eyes, for they see: and your ears, for they hear.**

17 **For verily I say unto you, That many prophets and righteous men have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard them.**

THE JEWS:

Many Jews are also 'Dull of Hearing'.

Acts 28:24-29 Romans 11:8

24 **And some believed the things which were spoken, and some believed not.**

25 And when they agreed not among themselves, they departed, after that Paul had spoken one word, **Well spake the Holy Ghost by Esaias the prophet** unto our fathers,

26 **Saying, Go unto this people, and say, Hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand;** and seeing ye shall see, and not perceive:

27 **For the heart of this people is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes have they closed; lest they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and should be converted,** and I should heal them.

28 **Be it known therefore unto you, that the salvation of God is sent unto the Gentiles, and that they will hear it.**

29 And when he had said these words, the Jews departed, and had great reasoning among themselves.

THOSE WHO DO NOT UNDERSTAND THE WORD OF GOD:

Those that do not *understand* the Word of God will not be Saved!

Matt 13:18-23 Mark 4:11-20 Luke 8:10-15, 18

18 **Hear ye** therefore the parable of the sower.

19 **When any one heareth the word of the kingdom, and understandeth it not, then cometh the wicked one, and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart.** This is he which received seed by the way side.

20 But he that received the seed into stony places, **the same is he that heareth the word,** and anon with joy receiveth it;

21 Yet hath he not root in himself, but dureth for a while: for when tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the word, by and by he is offended.

22 He also that received seed among the thorns **is he that heareth the word;** and the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful.

23 But he that received seed into the good ground is **he that heareth the word, and understandeth it; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.**

Matt 13:43

43 **Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.**

V. OBEYING THE VOICE OF GOD:



Don't *ask* to hear the "Voice of God" unless you intend to **OBEY Him!**

1 Sam 15:19-23

19 **Wherefore then didst thou not obey the voice of the LORD, but didst fly upon the spoil, and didst evil in the sight of the LORD?**

20 **And Saul said unto Samuel, Yea, I have obeyed the voice of the LORD, and have gone the way which the LORD sent me, and have brought Agag the king of Amalek, and have utterly destroyed the Amalekites.**

21 But the people took of the spoil, sheep and oxen, the chief of the things which should have been utterly destroyed, to sacrifice unto the LORD thy God in Gilgal.

22 **And Samuel said, Hath the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams.**

23 For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. **Because thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, he hath also rejected thee from being king.**

There are many Blessings in store for us, if we *will* 'Obey His Voice'!

Deut 28:1-14

1 **And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the LORD thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth:**

2 **And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God.**

3 **Blessed** shalt thou be in the city, and **blessed** shalt thou be in the field.

4 **Blessed** shall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy ground, and the fruit of thy cattle, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep.

5 **Blessed** shall be thy basket and thy store.

6 **Blessed** shalt thou be when thou comest in, and **blessed** shalt thou be when thou goest out.

7 **The LORD** shall cause thine enemies that rise up against thee to be smitten before thy face: they shall come out against thee one way, and flee before thee seven ways.

8 **The LORD** shall command the **blessing** upon thee in thy storehouses, and in all that thou settest thine hand unto; and he shall **bless** thee in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

9 **The LORD** shall establish thee an holy people unto himself, as he hath sworn unto thee, if thou shalt keep the commandments of the LORD thy God, and walk in his ways.

10 **And** all people of the earth shall see that thou art called by the name of the LORD; and they shall be afraid of thee.

11 **And the LORD** shall make thee plenteous in goods, in the fruit of thy body, and in the fruit of thy cattle, and in the fruit of thy ground, in the land which the LORD swore unto thy fathers to give thee.

12 **The LORD** shall open unto thee his good treasure, the heaven to give the rain unto thy land in his season, and to **bless** all the work of thine hand: and thou shalt lend unto many nations, and thou shalt not borrow.

13 **And the LORD** shall make thee the head, and not the tail; and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath; if that thou hearken unto the commandments of the LORD thy God, which I command thee this day, to observe and to do them:

14 **And thou shalt not go aside from any of the words which I command thee this day, to the right hand, or to the left, to go after other gods to serve them.**

There are many Curses in store for us, if we *will not* 'Obey His Voice'!

Deut. 28:15-45

15 **But it shall come to pass, if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe to do all his commandments and his statutes which I command thee this day; that all these curses shall come upon thee, and overtake thee:**

16 **Cursed** shalt thou be in the city, and **cursed** shalt thou be in the field.

17 **Cursed** shall be thy basket and thy store.

18 **Cursed** shall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy land, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep.

19 **Cursed** shalt thou be when thou comest in, and **cursed** shalt thou be when thou goest out.

20 **The LORD** shall send upon thee **cursing**, vexation, and rebuke, in all that thou settest thine hand unto for to do, until thou be destroyed, and until thou perish quickly; because of the wickedness of thy doings, whereby thou hast forsaken me.

- 21 **The LORD** shall make the pestilence cleave unto thee, until he have consumed thee from off the land, whither thou goest to possess it.
- 22 **The LORD** shall smite thee with a consumption, and with a fever, and with an inflammation, and with an extreme burning, and with the sword, and with blasting, and with mildew; and they shall pursue thee until thou perish.
- 23 **And** thy heaven that is over thy head shall be brass, and the earth that is under thee shall be iron.
- 24 **The LORD** shall make the rain of thy land powder and dust: from heaven shall it come down upon thee, until thou be destroyed.
- 25 **The LORD** shall cause thee to be smitten before thine enemies: thou shalt go out one way against them, and flee seven ways before them: and shalt be removed into all the kingdoms of the earth.
- 26 **And** thy carcase shall be meat unto all fowls of the air, and unto the beasts of the earth, and no man shall fray them away.
- 27 **The LORD** will smite thee with the botch of Egypt, and with the emerods, and with the scab, and with the itch, whereof thou canst not be healed.
- 28 **The LORD** shall smite thee with madness, and blindness, and astonishment of heart:
- 29 **And** thou shalt grope at noonday, as the blind gropeth in darkness, and thou shalt not prosper in thy ways: and thou shalt be only oppressed and spoiled evermore, and no man shall save thee.
- 30 **Thou** shalt betroth a wife, and another man shall lie with her: thou shalt build an house, and thou shalt not dwell therein: thou shalt plant a vineyard, and shalt not gather the grapes thereof.
- 31 **Thine** ox shall be slain before thine eyes, and thou shalt not eat thereof: thine ass shall be violently taken away from before thy face, and shall not be restored to thee: thy sheep shall be given unto thine enemies, and thou shalt have none to rescue them.
- 32 **Thy** sons and thy daughters shall be given unto another people, and thine eyes shall look, and fail with longing for them all the day long: and there shall be no might in thine hand.
- 33 **The** fruit of thy land, and all thy labours, shall a nation which thou knowest not eat up; and thou shalt be only oppressed and crushed alway:
- 34 **So** that thou shalt be mad for the sight of thine eyes which thou shalt see.
- 35 **The LORD** shall smite thee in the knees, and in the legs, with a sore botch that cannot be healed, from the sole of thy foot unto the top of thy head.
- 36 **The LORD** shall bring thee, and thy king which thou shalt set over thee, unto a nation which neither thou nor thy fathers have known; and there shalt thou serve other gods, wood and stone.
- 37 **And** thou shalt become an astonishment, a proverb, and a byword, among all nations whither the LORD shall lead thee.
- 38 **Thou** shalt carry much seed out into the field, and shalt gather but little in; for the locust shall consume it.
- 39 **Thou** shalt plant vineyards, and dress them, but shalt neither drink of the wine, nor gather the grapes; for the worms shall eat them.
- 40 **Thou** shalt have olive trees throughout all thy coasts, but thou shalt not anoint thyself with the oil; for thine olive shall cast his fruit.

41 **Thou** shalt beget sons and daughters, but thou shalt not enjoy them; for they shall go into captivity.

42 **All thy** trees and fruit of thy land shall the locust consume.

43 **The** stranger that is within thee shall get up above thee very high; and thou shalt come down very low.

44 **He** shall lend to thee, and thou shalt not lend to him: he shall be the head, and thou shalt be the tail.

45 **Moreover all these curses shall come upon thee**, and shall pursue thee, and overtake thee, till thou be destroyed; **because thou hearkenedst not unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to keep his commandments and his statutes which he commanded thee:**

***NOTE - THE FOLLOWING 'REVELATION' IS FOR AMERICA!**

In America, if we Obey the Voice of the Lord, the following will happen:

1 Sam 12:14

14 **If ye will fear the LORD, and serve him, and obey his voice, and not rebel against the commandment (or mouth) of the LORD, then shall both ye and also the king that reigneth over you continue following the LORD your God:**

If we do not Obey His Voice, our disobedience in America will cost us the following:

1 Sam 12:15

15 **But if ye will not obey the voice of the LORD, but rebel against the commandment of the LORD, then shall the hand of the LORD be against you,** as it was against your fathers.

Although America has been Called to lend to other Nations,

Deut. 28:12

12 The LORD shall open unto thee his good treasure, the heaven to give the rain unto thy land in his season, and to bless all the work of thine hand: **and thou shalt lend unto many nations, and thou shalt not borrow.**

Soon we will no longer lend to other Nations, but those foreigners living within America will be lending to us! This is already happening!

Deut. 28:43-44

43 **The stranger that is within thee** shall get up above thee very high; and thou shalt come down very low.

44 **He shall lend to thee,** and thou shalt not lend to him: **he shall be the head,** and thou shalt be the tail.

Although America has won many wars,

Deut. 28:7

7 **The LORD shall cause thine enemies that rise up against thee to be smitten before thy face:** they shall come out against thee one way, and flee before thee seven ways.

We will no longer do so!

Deut. 28:25

25 **The LORD shall cause thee to be smitten before thine enemies:** thou shalt go out one way against them, and flee seven ways before them: and shalt be removed into all the kingdoms of the earth.

UNLESS WE REPENT SOON!!

CONCLUSION:

When we hear the “Voice of God”, we *must* “Fear the Lord”, and *give* Him the ‘Praise’ and ‘Thanksgiving’ and ‘Worship’ He deserves, for **His Voice is Powerful!**

**Ps 29:1-11**

- 1 **Give unto the LORD, O ye mighty, give unto the LORD glory and strength.**
- 2 **Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**
- 3 **The voice of the LORD is upon the waters: the God of glory thundereth: the LORD is upon many waters.**
- 4 **The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.**
- 5 **The voice of the LORD breaketh the cedars; yea, the LORD breaketh the cedars of Lebanon.**
- 6 He maketh them also to skip like a calf; Lebanon and Sirion like a young unicorn.
- 7 **The voice of the LORD divideth the flames of fire.**
- 8 **The voice of the LORD shaketh the wilderness; the LORD shaketh the wilderness of Kadesh.**
- 9 **The voice of the LORD maketh the hinds to calve, and discovereth the forests: and in his temple doth every one speak of his glory.**
- 10 **The LORD sitteth upon the flood; yea, the LORD sitteth King for ever.**

11 **The LORD** will give strength unto his people; **the LORD** will bless his people with peace.

Rev 21:2-5

2 **And I John saw** the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

3 **And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying,** Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

4 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

5 **And he that sat upon the throne said,** Behold, I make all things new. **And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful.**

AMEN!
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