



"But without faith it is impossible to please Him..." Heb.11:6

## HEARING FROM GOD

There are three fundamental duties of a believer.

**The first is Faith:**

"Have faith in God". (Mk. 11:22).

**The second is to strive to hear and understand God's Word:**

"But that on the good ground are they, which in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience." Luk.8:15; cfMk. 9:7;Mt. 17:5.

**The third is obeying God:**

"O that there were such a heart in them, that they would fear me, and keep all my commandments always, that it might be well with them, and with their children for ever!" Deut.5:29; cfPs. 81:13-16.

The moment a believer understands this, his walk with God will become exciting and blossoming; and every other virtue will naturally follow in an increasing dimension!

Age is not a barrier too, for both the young and the old are designed to hear God /Mt.21:15

Even the fowls of the air receive commands from God and obey!

"...I have commanded the ravens to feed thee there...And the ravens brought him bread and flesh in the morning, and bread and flesh in the evening; and he drank of the brook." 1 Ki. 17:4,6.

## How God Speaks?

- I. **Through the written Word of God.** Lu.4:4,8. cfDeut. 8:3, 6:13.
- ii. **By revelation on a verse of Scripture.** Dan. 9:1,2; Jer. 25:11.
- iii. **Through prophecies.** Gen.49:10.
- iv. **Through dreams.** Mt.2:12-15, Mt.1:18-25; Gen 31:24,29, 11-13.
- v. **In an audible voice.** Num. 12:6-8.
- vi. **Through the Holy Spirit in our spirit.** Lu. 2:25-32, Rom. 8:16.
- vii. **By His anointed servants.** Num. 22:1-14, 24:2-5.
- viii. **Through nature.** Mt. 2:1-3, 9-11, Ps. 19:1-3, Rom. 1:19-21.
- ix. **Through spiritual gifts.** Eph. 4:8,11-14,17-18.
- x. **Through symbols and trance.** Ac. 10:9 18, 11:5,22:17.
- xi. **Through signs and wonders.** Num. 24:17, Mt. 2:1-3, 9-11.
- xii. **Through the preaching of God's Word.** Ex. 20:18-24; Rom. 10:13-15.
- xiii. **Through Holy Angels.** Lu.2:6-20.
- xiv. **Through the Living Word.** Heb. 1:1-3; 2:1-5, II Cor. 13:1-6.
- xv. **By still small voice.** 1 Sam. 3:1-10; 1 Ki. 19:9-18.

Now, how does God speak to you?

We have established that one of the eternal benefits of a believer is the ability to hear God. And hearing God is a condition for understanding **His will**. Until a man hears and understand the will of God in every area of his life, he or she cannot claim to be serving God effectively. (1Chron. 12:32)

Therefore, having stated some of the ways that God communicates with man, it is necessary for us to discern what He says whenever He speaks. For God does speak! Hence, we ask, when God speaks, what does He say? We need to know, in order to be sure we heard Him. The Master's emphasis on "*My sheep hear My voice*" is very important.

*"My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me:  
And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him; for they know not the voice of strangers."* (Jn. 10:27,5)

The evidences in the Scriptures prove that God has a pattern of communication, and ultimately expects the hearer to understand and obey. It is only then, that the purpose of God's relationship with us can be clearly seen in our lives. However, it must be realized that all our relationship with God revolves around our Faith.

### **So when God speaks, what does He Intend?**

*He Intends the believer to respond.*

*He intends the situation to change.*

*He expects worship and praise*

*He fulfils a promise and establishes a covenant.*

*He calls man to Repentance and Faith.*

*And finally He establishes a Rule.*

*He calls to remembrance His former faithfulness and tells us to endure.*

## **When God Speaks!**

I. <b>He Creates.</b> Gen. 1:3-5, 24; II Cor. 4:6-7	ix. <b>He Directs.</b> 1Ki. 17:1-24.
ii. <b>He Re-creates.</b> Rev. 21:5-7; II Cor. 5:17; Eph. 2:14-16; Gal. 5:6; Rom. 8:9-10.	x. <b>He Heals.</b> Mk. 10:46-52.
iii. <b>He Restores.</b> II Chron. 15:1-15.	xi. <b>He Teaches.</b> Mk. 11:20-26.
iv. <b>He Instructs.</b> Gen. 12:1-5; 22:1-3; 26:1-6; 12-13.; Mk. 10:35-45.	xii. <b>He Delivers.</b> Judg. 6:1; Ac. 12:1-12, Mk. 5:8
v. <b>He Produces Faith.</b> Rom. 10:17.	xiii. <b>He Defends.</b> Rom. 8:33-34; Heb. 7:25; 9:24; I Jn. 2:10-11; Job. 34:29-30.
vi. <b>He Forgives.</b> Lu. 5:18-26, Mk. 2:3-12	xiv. <b>He Reveals God.</b> Mk. 12:24-27; 35-37; Heb. 4:12. (I Cor. 15:42; 49, 52).
vii. <b>He Re-assures.</b> Lu. 10:20; Heb. 12:22-24, Mk. 5:35-36.	xv. <b>He Corrects.</b> Mk. 8:27-38; Rom. 15:4.
viii. <b>He Gives Strength.</b> Jos. 1:1-11.	xvi. <b>He Condemns.</b> Mk. 14:21; Heb. 10:38-39.
	xvii. <b>He destroys false religion.</b> Mk. 12:38-40.
	xviii. <b>He Empowers.</b> Mk. 28:18-19; Lu. 10:18-19.

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