



## HEARING FROM GOD II

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. (I Chron. 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.*

### **Thus, When God Speaks!**

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| i. He Creates. Gen. 1:3-5, 24;<br>II Cor. 4:6-7  | ix. He Directs. I Ki. 17:1-24.  |
| ii. He Re-creates. Rev. 21:5-7;<br>II Cor. 5:17; Eph. 2:14-16; Gal. 5:6;<br>Rom. 8:9-10. | x. He Heals. Mk. 10:46-52.  |
| iii. He Restores. II Chron. 15:1-15.   | xi. He Teaches. Mk. 11:20-26.   |
| iv. He Instructs. Gen. 12:1-5; 22:1-3;<br>26:1-6; 12-13.; Mk. 10:35-45.                  | xii. He Delivers. Judg. 6:1; Ac. 12:1-12, Mk. 5:8                                 |
| v. He Produces Faith. Rom. 10:17.  | xiii. He Defends. Rom. 8:33-34; Heb. 7:25; 9:24;<br>I Jn. 2:10-11; Job. 34:29-30. |
| vi. He Forgives. Lu. 5:18-26, Mk. 2:3-12   | xiv. He Reveals God. Mk. 12:24-27; 35-37;<br>Heb. 4:12. (I Cor. 15:42; 49, 52).   |
| vii. He Re-assures. Lu. 10:20;<br>Heb. 12:22-24, Mk. 5:35-36.                            | xv. He Corrects. Mk. 8:27-38; Rom. 15:4.  |
| viii. He Gives Strength. Jos. 1:1-11.  | xvi. He Condemns. Mk. 14:21; H3b. 10:38-39.                                       |
|  | xvii. He destroys false religiosity. Mk. 12:38-40.                                |
|  | xviii. He Empowers. Mk. 28:18-19; Lu. 10:18-19.                                   |

# I NEED A MIRACLE

## GOD ANSWERS PRAYERS

*"And the multitude rose up together against them. And when they had laid many stripes upon them, they cast them into prison and made their feet fast in the stocks.*

*And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God and the prisoners heard them. And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken: and immediately all the doors were opened, and every one's bands were loosed" Hallelujah. Acts. 16:22, 23, 24, 25, 26.*

**W**ise folks; Godly saints! Gloomy situation!! Breath-taking accomplishment!!! *"And at midnight they prayed"* – was the testimony of the Holy Ghost concerning these feeble men in a hopeless situation – perhaps more hopeless than your present circumstances suggest. But they did something. They did something unreasonable. Unreasonable to the carnal men, but dynamic to *"the people that do know their God"* They prayed, not despaired, nor complained, nor murmured, nor doubted but they prayed. *Hallelujah.*

What time is it now for you? Is your sun shining at its peak, or has your midnight come? If it is still noon for you here is a word of caution: any man, who is living in sin and yet is seeing and experiencing miracles, is seeing the miracles that will destroy him. Consider Samson, and "remember Lot's wife."

But if you are appalled by the present darkness that has engulfed our land and casts its shadow upon the Church, then, here is a consolation; At midnight they prayed, and sang praises and the prisoners heard them".

They did not backslide, as many are apt to do under the present distress; nor did they sacrifice their souls on the altar of compromise and pleasure. They laid neither claims to worldly wisdom nor boasted of their "connections" in the high places". They prayed.

They understood their situation, and they also knew the solution to their problems, so they took action. They prayed. And the result was a tremendous visitation, from on high, which brought their persecutors on their knees- to confess their sin like the jailor and his household (vs. 27-34) or to entreat their forgiveness as is the case with the magistrates (vs. 35-40). They also brought great release to the prisoners; and revival to the city – simply by a night of Purposeful Prayer and Praise.

**Paul and Silas were men of like passion as you are, but they were soldiers of Christ, and not servants of men; nor slaves of materialism and fame. They were crucified men for whom the world was not worthy. They lived for one passion, the glory of Jesus Christ; and they died with one vision – the glorification that shall be theirs at the second coming of the Risen King!**

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*Have you prayed about your situation or are you still in control?*

*Is your arm of flesh still sustaining you?*

*Arise, Call upon your God. HE WILL ANSWER YOU.*

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**8:30am-1pm**

**Tuesday  
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**4pm-6pm**

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