



# How to hear God's Voice

One night when Eli the priest grew old and his sight became weak, Samuel was sleeping in the Tabernacle, where the ark of God was, God called Samuel, so he ran to Eli the priest and answered "Here am I; for thou calledst me". Eli then denied and asked him to go back to sleep. But then again the sound came calling Samuel, and he did the same, and Eli sent him back again. The third time, Eli understood that it was the Lord calling Samuel and sent him saying: "Go, lie down: and it shall be, if he calls thee, that thou shalt say, Speak, Lord, for thy servant heareth." (1 Samuel 3:9)

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Hearing God

- Intro
- Is it Possible?
- To me?
- How?

## Questions:

- Is it possible to hear from God?
- Would God speak to me?
- If so how do we hear from God?



# Does God speak to us?



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Hearing God is not something you do,

Hearing God is someone you are.

JOHN 10:1-4

*1 "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door, but climbs up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber.*

*2 But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep.*

*3 To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice; and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.*

*4 And when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them; and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice.*

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- God wants to fellowship and communicate with us.
- How do we get to know a person? By communicating with them. By talking and listening.
- It's the same with our relationship with God. He talks, we listen. We talk, He listens.
- God loves us so much that He sent Jesus to take our place and to die for us.
- He did this so that we could once again have fellowship with Him.
- In the book of Hebrews we see that we can have access to God's very presence, "...having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way..." (Hebrews 10:19-20a).



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- He also wants us to be fulfilled, blessed and successful in the plan that He has established for our lives -- so that we can be a reflection of His love and blessing in the Earth.
- In Jeremiah 29:11 the Lord makes clear His intentions for you and I, "For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope."
- We see in Genesis 3:8a, "...they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day..." This is how God wants to relate to us today as well. It is God's desire to walk with and to communicate with His children.
- He wants to talk to us. And He wants us to listen and talk to Him, too.

# Can God speak to me?



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- Intimacy was God's idea – in the garden the Lord walked with Adam and Eve in the cool of the day. It was God's idea that he and man would have a face to face relationship.
- Cast aside your doubts
- Know that God really loves you.



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## Habakkuk 2

- I will stand at my watch  
and station myself on the ramparts;  
I will look to see what he will say to me,  
and what answer I am to give to this  
complaint.
- The LORD's Answer
- <sup>2</sup>Then the LORD replied:
- “Write down the revelation  
and make it plain on tablets  
so that a herald<sup>[b]</sup> may run with it.



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## *Exodus 19:10–11*

- *10 Then the LORD said to Moses, “Go to the people and consecrate them today and tomorrow, and let them wash their clothes.*
- *11 And let them be ready for the third day. For on the third day the LORD will come down upon Mount Sinai in the sight of all the people.*

## *Exodus 19:19*

- *And when the blast of the trumpet sounded long and became louder and louder, Moses spoke, and God answered him by voice.*
- *Prepare well for God to speak*

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## Psalm 46:10

**10 Be still**, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!

## Exodus 14:13

**13** And Moses said to the people, “Do not be afraid. **Stand still**, and see the salvation of the LORD, which He will accomplish for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall see again no more forever.

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## 2 Chronicles 20:17

**17** You will not need to fight in this battle. Position yourselves, stand still and see the salvation of the LORD, who is with you, O Judah and Jerusalem!’ Do not fear or be dismayed; tomorrow go out against them, for the LORD is with you.”

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## 2 Chronicles 20:21-24

21 And when he had consulted with the people, he appointed those who should sing to the LORD, and who should praise the beauty of holiness, as they went out before the army and were saying: "Praise the LORD, For His mercy endures forever."

22 Now when they began to sing and to praise, the LORD set ambushes against the people of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir, who had come against Judah; and they were defeated.



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## Acts 13:2

2 While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, “Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.”

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(Pray, Read, Hear – Expect to hear)

Mark 1:35

35 Now in the morning, having risen a long while before daylight, He went out and departed to a solitary place; and there He prayed.

Psalm 119:147

147 I rise before the dawning of the morning, And cry for help; I hope in Your word.

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## Psalm 45:1 (MSG)

1 My heart bursts its banks, spilling beauty and goodness.  
I pour it out in a poem to the king, shaping the river  
into words:

## 1 Chronicles 28:19

19 “All this,” said David, “the LORD made me understand in  
writing, he has made me all the works of these

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- **Habakkuk 2:2**  
2 Then the LORD answered me and said: “Write the vision And make it plain on tablets, That he may run who reads it.



# IT IS POSSIBLE TO HEAR FROM GOD

## 3 things about our ability to hear God:

### 1. It's Innate

Born to hear in the natural;  
Born-again to hear in the super-natural

### 2. It's Learned

Prayer is a two-way conversation:  
Speaking to God and hearing God speak to you.

### 3. It's Matured



# Many Kinds of Voices



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1 Corinthians 14:10 There are, it may be, so many kinds of voices in the world, and none of them is without signification (a meaning)

## •VOICES

- 1.The voice of God's Spirit
- 2.The voice of your spirit
- 3.The voice of your conscience
- 4.The voice of your reasoning
- 5.The voice of your flesh
- 6.The voice of the devil/demons

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1. The voices come into your mind in the form of a thought:

- thoughts - create feelings
- feelings - fuel desires
- desires - can be good or bad (lusts)

(Lusts are bad desires within us or of the flesh that are inconsistent with the Word of God)

1. The voices can come into your thoughts directly or indirectly

# The Voice of your Conscience



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1. A good conscience 1 Timothy 1:5; Acts 24:15
2. A weak conscience 1 Corinthians 8:7
3. A seared conscience 1 Timothy 4:2
4. An evil conscience Hebrews 10:22

**Needs fully informed and enlightened by  
the Word of God then obeyed**

# The Voice of your Flesh



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•How?

- (1) Adultery - unlawful sexual relations with the spouse of another
- (2) Fornication – illicit sexual intercourse; all sexual immorality, incest, pornography, harlotry...
- (3) Uncleanness – moral filthiness; homosexuality, lesbianism, pedophilia, any sexual perversion
- (4) Lasciviousness – uncontrolled passions or desires; absence of restraint; no feeling of shame; shameless conduct; indecency; lewdness; wantonness
- (5) Idolatry – pre-eminence/worship given to sports stars, preachers, movie stars, music icons, celebrities, money over God
- (6) Witchcraft – sorcery, drug use, spells, luck charms, horoscopes...
- (7) Hatred - personal hostility toward someone; hold grudges, malice

# The Voice of your Flesh



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(8) Variance - to quarrel with words, stir up strife and incite debates

(9) Emulations - jealousy, rivalry spirit; desire what others have

(10) Wrath – outbursts of anger; hot anger; passion; agitated feelings

(11) Strife - rivalries; factions; denotes ambition, self-seeking (tries to win followers and stir up group antagonism); rivalry

(12) Seditions – dissensions; division; lit. “a standing apart”

(13) Heresies - a self-willed opinion, which is substituted for submitting to truth that causes discord/division/separation

(14) Envying – displeasure at what others have; desires to deprive it

(15) Murder – the act of murder; to spoil or mar the reputation of others

(16) Drunkenness – public/private intoxication, alcoholic, addicted to it

(17) Revelings – partying, clubs, house parties, carousing, rioting that often comes as a consequence of drunkenness



# The Voice of the devil/ demons



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•How?

- Deceive you, (Revelation 20:7-8)
- Cause oppression, (Acts 10:38)
- Discourage you, (Numbers 32:6-10)
- Cause you to be bitter, (Colossians 3:19)
- Cause confusion, (Acts 19:32)
- Cause you to rationalize sin, (Isaiah 5:20)
- Blind your mind, (II Corinthians 4:4)
- Cause you to lie, (I John 2:4)
- Cause you to doubt God's Word, (Hebrews 3:12)
- Cause division in your family, church, business, (Mark 3:25)
- Cause you to disobey the Word of God, (Joshua 5:6)

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- Inspire rage, anger and malice, (Ephesians 4:31)
- Bring you fear, (Mark 4:40)
- Torment you, (Matthew 8:6)
- Cause you to lose hope, (Job 7:1-15)
- Cause you to be dismayed, (gloominess of soul) (Joshua 1:9)
- Cause you to seek revenge, (Ezekiel 25:15)
- Cause you to curse God, (Job 2:9)
- Stir up unforgiveness, reminding of the offence or injustice (Matthew 6:15)
- Cause you to be ashamed of the gospel, (Mark 8:38)
- Cause you not to hear God's voice, (distract, divert), (John 10:5)
- Lead you astray, off course, offer a substitute (Matthew 4:1-10)

# The Voice of reasoning



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1. Reasoning is mind's mental ability to draw conclusions, judgments, and inferences; to think logically
2. 2 Corinthians 10:4 uses the word "imagination"
3. It is the Greek word "logismos" from the root word "logizomai" and means: to reason, calculate, estimate, infer, suppose, think, to take an inventory; weigh; to deliberate; decide; or determine
4. Examples of faulty reasoning
  - a. Mark 2:6,8
  - b. Luke 12:17 ...thought within himself...
  - c. Luke 20:14
  - d. Acts 28:4,6
5. Acts 17:2 reasoned with them out of the Scriptures

# The Voice of your spirit



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1. Job 32:8 But there is a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding.
2. 2 Corinthians 2:13 ...I had no rest in my spirit...
3. 1 Peter 3:4 ...the hidden man of the heart
4. Galatians 5:22,23 But the fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, ...
5. Philippians 4:8 ... Whatsoever things are true, ... honest, ... just, ...
6. pure, ... lovely, ... good report, ... virtue, ... praise, ...

# The Voice of God



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• How?

- Instruction in righteousness, II Tim 3:16
- Correction in righteousness, II Timothy 3:16, Proverb 3:11,12
- Causes you to profit and bear fruit in Christ, II Timothy 3:16, John 15:16
- Brings to your remembrance the Word of God, John 14:26
- Guides you into Truth, John 16:13
- Exhorts you, Jude 3, Romans 12:1
- Comforts you, John 14:16, Psalm 23:4
- Rebukes and reproves you, Titus 1:13, II Timothy 4:2
- Convicts you of sin, Romans 6:1-23
- Leads you to salvation, Romans 10:9-10, II Timothy 3:15



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- Assures you of the Father's love toward you, I John 3:1, Jeremiah 31:3  
Admonishes and warns you, Ephesians 6:4, Acts 21:4,10-14  
Edifies you, Ephesians 4:12  
Increases our faith, Romans 10:17  
Causes you to triumph in life through Christ, II Corinthians 2:14
- Agrees with His Word Hebrews 1:1-3
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# Pillars in your life



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1. Study the Word of God for yourself, (II Timothy 2:15)
2. Meditate on the Word of God day and night, (Joshua 1:8)
3. Spend time praying, (Mark 1:35)
4. Spend time communing with the Holy Spirit, (II Corinthians 13:14)
5. Be planted in a good church home, (See 92:13)
6. Count the cost of all options, (Luke 14:28-30)
7. Seek counsel from wise counselors, (See Proverbs 11:14)