

Hearing God's Voice
Video Teaching
Session 1

Why God desires to communicate with us:

Deuteronomy 4:36 AMPC Out of heaven He made you hear His voice, that He might correct, discipline, *and* admonish you; and on earth He made you see His great fire, and you heard His words out of the midst of the fire.

- To correct us when we are wrong
- To discipline (instruct) us teach us the right way to go
- To admonish (encourage) us so we won't give up
- To guide us so we can find the right path for our life and enjoy success

Old Testament God spoke through the fire on the mountain

New Testament God speaks through the fire of the Holy Spirit in our hearts.

Habakkuk 2:1 I will stand my watch and set myself on the rampart (tower) and will watch to see what He will say to me, and what I will answer when I am corrected.

2. Then the Lord answered me and said: write the vision and make it plain on tablets, that he may run who reads it.

3. For the vision is yet for an appointed time; but at the end it will speak and it will not lie. Thou it tarries, wait for it; because it will surely come. It will not tarry. NKJV.

Habakkuk is known as a minor prophet. The difference between a minor and a major prophet is the length of their book. Habakkuk is only three chapters long, but they are very powerful chapters.

The beginning and end of the book of Habakkuk are very different. The first few verses show us that Habakkuk lived in a time much like the time in which we live. This little book was written just prior to the fall of Jerusalem in 586B.C. and it was a time of trouble, violence and lawlessness. The wicked

surrounded the righteous. Habakkuk was distressed and anxious at the beginning of the book. However, the last few verses of this little book show a very different man. He is full of faith and hope. What happened? HABAKKUK HEARD GOD'S VOICE!!! And he gives us keys to also hear from God.

Is God talking today? Absolutely! In every covenant from Genesis to Revelation God communicated with His people and he has not stopped communicating...however, we have stopped listening.

Jeremiah 22:21 I spoke to you in your times of prosperity, but you said, "I will not listen." This has been your attitude from your youth; you have not obeyed My voice. Amplified Classic Edition

It is usually in times of great need that we seek God's advice and help. However, God desires to communicate with us even in good times. We must be careful not to close our ears to God's voice.

What happens if I fail to listen to God's Voice?

Isaiah 66:3b Just as they have chosen their own ways and their soul delights in their abominations, so will I choose their delusions and bring their fears on them; because when I called, no one answered, when I spoke they did not hear: but they did evil before my eyes and chose that in which I do not delight.

So it's vital that we learn to hear and obey God's voice.

In this series we will discover:

- God's preferred way to communicate with us.
- What God's voice sounds like when spoke to our heart.
- How to listen for God's voice.
- How to keep a journal of God's messages to you.

Four Ways God Speaks to us

1. **The Written Word of God (Your Bible) - (Logos)** The Greek word "Logos" means "the expression of thought."

The Bible is the expression of God's thoughts concerning man on earth today. God has given us the written Word of God to teach us the laws that govern our lives on earth and show us by example the results of keeping or breaking those laws.

2 Timothy 3:16-17¹⁶ All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for ^[a]instruction in righteousness,¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

- Doctrine - right behavior
- Reproof - tells us when we are wrong
- Correction - How to get right
- Instruction in righteousness - how to stay right.

Making us mature and equipped for life.

2. Counsel of spiritual friends and leaders. Often we receive direct guidance from God in a sermon or conversation with a spiritual friend or minister.

3. **Circumstances.** God does not bring all the circumstances we encounter, but He certainly uses all circumstances to direct our lives and even the plans of Satan to destroy us are turned for our good by our loving heavenly Father, God uses every circumstance to mature and perfect us and He speaks to us through those circumstances.

4. **The inner voice of God to your heart.** "A knowing" as men and women of the Bible had when you read; "*The word of the Lord came to me saying*". There is a voice of God that we can hear - not with our natural ear, but very clearly with the ear of our heart.

All of these ways are important, but I believe the most important are the Word of God and the voice to your heart. If you can learn to hear God in these two ways, you will easily

be able to hear Him through the voice of a minister or the voice of your circumstances.

In our next session we will discuss the inner voice of God to your heart.