

Hearing God

God, since the day of creation has sought to commune with us. Just as we use words to communicate, so does God. Jesus is the Word by which God chose to communicate. For communication to occur between two persons there must be a duplication with understanding by the recipient. However, to understand what is being said, we must have ears to hear.

God speaks to us generally through two venues - **Creation** (Ps.19:2) or general **revelation and His Word** (Ps.19:7-14) In Biblical times He, at times, used special revelations. (**Jeremiah 23:29**) “Is not My Word like a fire?” declares the Lord.”

Peoples hearts are either wax or clay. When subjected to the fire of God's Word, change will occur; either a softening or hardening. Every time one hardens their heart to the voice of God it becomes harder to hear the next time.

“If you want to know and hear God’s voice in the days ahead, be ready to have him speak of cleansing before he speaks of direction. Many Christians want God to tell them how to hold on to what they’ve earned, how to provide for their family, how to keep their business or career afloat. But the truth is, before God gives us a word of direction in any of these matters, he’ll speak to us about his commandments.”

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Sadly, great numbers of Christians do not know God’s voice. Some can go for months, even years, without ever receiving an intimate word from the Lord in their inner man.

Oh, God did speak to them at one time. But over the years, they’ve learned to silence His voice in their hearts. Others have been turned off by so much foolishness among those who believe that every word that pops into their minds is divine. Such people boast, “God told me”? yet the “word” they hear is only their covetous flesh taking voice! There are some practical things that we must do in order to hear God’s voice.

- Every opportunity that we have to hear God’s voice is an opportunity to be obedient to God’s voice
- Prayer is a relationship not a religious activity. Prayer is meant to adjust us to God not manipulate God to do for us. God doesn't need our prayers but he wants us to pray because of what he wants to do in and through our lives while we pray.
- Prayer does not lead to an encounter with God, it **IS** an encounter with God.
 1. God takes the initiative by causing us to want to pray.
 2. The Holy Spirit, through the Word of God, reveals to us the will of God.
 3. In the Spirit we pray in accordance to the revealed will of God.
 4. We adjust our lives to the revelation of Truth (to God).
 5. We set our sights for confirmation or further direction from the Word, circumstances and other believers.
 6. We obey!
 7. God works through us to accomplish His will.
 8. We encounter God, Abundant Life and God's Kingdom advances.

This is a “no brainer”. . . We have to be willing to spend time with God. Quality time. Time where we are willing to shut everything down and spend quality time with God. Even though Jesus was the son of God, and anointed to speak into peoples lives, had authority over demons, He still had to spend time with His Father on a daily basis. He urged His disciples to do the same. Have you heard God speak to you through His holy Word? God has a plan in which you are invited to respond to Him.

God’s Plan for Man’s Salvation