



When God Speaks

Part 1: Same God, New Covenant

Who is this series for

1. Brand New to Faith

-New Believer

-Investigating Faith

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Who is this series for?

2. Experienced Believer

- Was taught God does not speak today outside of Bible
- Spiritual Gifts no longer for today
- We never talked about Holy Spirit or gifts

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1. Brand New to Faith

STEP 1 in Spiritual Formation

Learn to Hear God's voice for yourself

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2. Experienced Believer

NEXT STEP: REFORMATION

Learning to hear so you can better follow

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Overview for Today

Hearing God's Voice is

1. For Today

2. For All

3. For Purpose

*Hearing God Prophetically must be built
on the foundation of scripture*

8 To one there is given **through the Spirit a message of wisdom,**
to another a **message of knowledge** by means of the same Spirit,
9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing
by that one Spirit,
10 to another miraculous powers, **to another prophecy,** to another
distinguishing between spirits, **to another speaking in different**
kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of
tongues.

1 Corinthians 12:8-10

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DANGERS TO AVOID

1. Brand New to Faith

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"I just don't think God would_____."

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"The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure.
Who can understand it?"

Jeremiah 17:9

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"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness."

2 Timothy 3:16

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"And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them **what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.**"

Luke 24:27

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DANGERS TO AVOID

2. Experienced Believer

"Now the Berean Jews were of more noble character than those in Thessalonica, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true."

Acts 17:11

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Hearing God's Voice is

FOR TODAY

1 Now about the gifts of the Spirit, brothers and sisters, **I do not want you to be uninformed.**

1 Corinthians 12:1

Hearing God's Voice is

FOR ALL

18 When the people saw the thunder and lightning and heard the trumpet and saw the mountain in smoke, they trembled with fear. They stayed at a distance 19 and said to Moses, "**Speak to us yourself and we will listen. But do not have God speak to us or we will die.**"

20 Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid. God has come to test you, so that the fear of God will be with you to keep you from sinning."

21 **The people remained at a distance, while Moses approached the thick darkness where God was. *[Mount Sinai]***

Exodus 20:18-21

Old Covenant

Human Mediators: Prophets, Judges, Kings, Priests

Specific Places: Mountains, Tents, Temples, Veils

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Old Covenant

God Spoke: To Special People, in Sacred Places

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New Covenant

Jesus our Mediator: Not a barrier, but a bridge

Special People: We are the temple where God dwells— A royal Priesthood

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ALL Have Direct Access

Hebrews 4:16 (NIV):

Let us then approach God's throne of grace **with confidence**,
so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our
time of need.

19 Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, 20 by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, 21 and since we have a great priest over the house of God, 22 let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.

Hebrews 10:19-22 (NIV)

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation,
God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of
him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

1 Peter 2:9

ALL Can Hear

John 10:27 (NIV):

My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.

Acts 2:17 (NIV):

'In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. **Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.'**

The Old to New Testament

Not about God Changing

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About a Change of Covenants

*God Spoke to Specific People in Sacred Places, but now
He speaks to His Sacred People*

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FOR PURPOSE

so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it. Isaiah 55:11 (NIV)

Pharisees

60 Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus, "Are you not going to answer? What is this testimony that these men are bringing against you?" 61 **But Jesus remained silent and gave no answer.** Again the high priest asked him, "Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?"

Mark 14:60-61

Herod

When Herod saw Jesus, he was greatly pleased, because for a long time he had been wanting to see him. From what he had heard about him, **he hoped to see him perform a sign of some sort.** 9 He plied him with many questions, **but Jesus gave him no answer.**

Luke 23: 8-9

Pilate

33 Pilate then went back inside the palace,
summoned Jesus and asked him, "Are you the king
of the Jews?" 34 "Is that your own idea," Jesus asked,
"or did others talk to you about me?"

John 18:33–34

Nicodemus

1 Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. 2 He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him."

John 3:1-2

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3. Relate to God by His Name, Not your Desires

PRAYER IS NOT ABOUT A
TRANSACTION BUT A
RELATIONSHIP— SO

*“SUCCESSFUL PRAYER”
IS NOT AN OUTCOME
BUT INTIMACY...*



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