

# GOD'S VOICE IN OUR MOUTHS

READ: **1 Samuel Chapter 3**

In verse 1 we read that the Word was precious (valuable, excellent) and there was no open vision (dream, revelation, oracle)

In verse 2 we read that Eli the priest was aging, his eye-sight was deteriorating.

In verse 3 we read that the lamp of God went out in the temple.

It appears that God began to look for someone that could bring restoration of both revelation and prophetic Word to the people. God chose a young boy (Samuel) who at the time was merely helping in the temple.

**1 SAM 3:18** And **Samuel told him every whit**, and hid nothing from him. And he said, *It is the LORD: let him do what seemeth him good.*

**1 SAM 3:19** And Samuel grew, and the LORD was with him, and **did let none of his words fall to the ground.**

The Heb. word for “every” is “kol kol”. The meaning is “the whole, hence all, any or every”. The same word is used for did let none.

So Samuel was careful to retain and value every word of the Lord. If we want to be greatly used of God we also must retain every word that proceeds from God.

**1 SAM 3:21** And the LORD appeared again in Shiloh: for **the LORD revealed himself** to Samuel in Shiloh **by the word of the LORD.**

The Heb. word for “revealed himself” is “galah” (gaw-law). It means to denude; implies to exile (captives being usually stripped) to appear, disclose, discover, open, remove, reveal, shew, tell, uncover, shamelessly.

God wants to reveal Himself and He wants to do it by the word of the Lord. (Amos 3:7)

**AMO 3:7** Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but **he revealeth his secret** unto his servants **the prophets.**

Many Christians say they have a call to serve God, but they rarely practice listening for God's voice. We cannot tell our friends we are called of God, if we don't listen to and obey the voice of God.

The voice of God always precedes the call of God.

**SOS 2:8 The voice of my beloved!** behold, he cometh leaping upon the mountains, skipping upon the hills. 9My beloved is like a roe or a young hart: behold, he standeth behind our wall, **he looketh** forth at the windows, **shewing himself** through the lattice. 10My beloved spake, and said unto me, **Rise up**, my love, my fair one, and come away.

The Shulamite woman knew the voice of the beloved. He was looking for the Shulamite woman at the windows. He was showing himself at the lattice. He desired her to “rise up, and come away”. He wanted to spend more time alone with the Shulamite.

The Heb. word for “rise up” is qum (koom). It means to rise: abide, accomplish, ordain, perform, stir up, stand, strengthen.

**SOS 5:2** I sleep, but my heart waketh: *it is the voice of my beloved* that knocketh, *saying*, **Open to me**, my sister, my love, my dove, my undefiled: for my head is filled with dew, *and* my locks with the drops of the night.

Adam was created to hear and respond to God’s voice. The new created spiritual man is also given this ability to hear God’s voice. God’s voice is always knocking at our innermost being. God says, “**open to me.**”

**SOS 5:6** I opened to my beloved; **but my beloved had withdrawn himself, and was gone:** my soul failed when he spake: I sought him, but I could not find him; I called him, but **he gave me no answer.**

If we give God excuses why we cannot answer our hearts door when He comes knocking, God will eventually stop speaking and remove Himself from the door of our heart. (v.3) By the time the Shulamite stirred herself he was gone.  
**We must stir ourselves quickly!**

**1 SAM 3:17** And he said, **What is the thing that *the LORD* hath said unto thee?** I pray thee hide *it* not from me: God do so to thee, and more also, if thou hide *any* thing from me of all the things that he said unto thee. 18And Samuel told him every whit, and hid nothing from him. And he said, **It is the LORD:** let him do what seemeth him good.

Eli was reduced to hearing God’s voice from another source. As the priest of God in Shiloh, he had known God’s voice all his life. However, due to his insensitive fleshly (non priest-like) lifestyle, God was forced to find another person to anoint as priest and prophet. Many of God’s children are similar to Eli; they hunger to hear God’s voice for themselves, but are happy to receive the Word of the Lord second-hand through a Pastor or visiting ministry.

Read: **(1 Sam 7:5-9; 8:6; 12:17-18; 15:11)** Note Samuel’s great ministry.

Samuel's prophetic authority came from his ability to hear God's voice. Samuel's submission to God is what made his life and ministry so respected. Once we begin to hear and obey God's voice, there will be an increase in the amount of time we spend with God. Others will notice the change of Word content spoken from our mouths.

**PSA 28:1** **Unto thee will I cry, O LORD my rock**; be not silent to me: lest, *if* thou be silent to me, I become like them that go down into the pit.

**PSA 28:2** **Hear the voice of my supplications**, when I cry unto thee, when **I lift up my hands toward thy holy oracle**.

David was totally dependent on God. The language of the Psalms often shows the reader the Psalmist's attitude of heart; it is in his lifted voice.

**PSA 3:3** But thou, O LORD, *art* a shield for me; **my glory**, and the lifter up of mine head. **4 I cried unto the LORD with my voice**, and he heard me out of **his holy hill**. Selah.

"my glory"- Heb. word "kabod kabod" In other words "weight" The anointing can be experienced as a weight, however it also means; splendor, copiousness, glorious, honour. Again we read that David's voice cried unto the Lord. God's glorious visitation on Zion came because of the lifted voice.

**2 PET 1:17** For he received from God the Father honour and glory, **when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory**, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

The voice of God came from His excellent glory (heaven). Our voices must also come from His glory. God's ministers must have His glory on their voices. God's children don't need to hear from man, they need to hear and see from the vista of His excellent glory. If we spend enough time with God, our voices will finally respond and possess **the sound of the anointing** that comes from that glory.

**EZE 1:24** And when they went, I heard the noise of their wings, like the noise of great waters, as **the voice of the Almighty, the voice of speech**, as the noise of an host: when they stood, they let down their wings.

Note the unity of the voices of the heavenly realm. There was the noise of wings like great waters. "as the noise of a host" Every activity in heaven has a purposeful connection. It's not just heavenly noise. It's the voice of the Almighty.

**EZE 1:25** And there was a voice from the firmament that *was over their heads*, when they stood, *and* had let down their wings.

Even the distant voice from the firmament was over the heads of the heavenly beings. **God's voice is over our heads; He's not that far away.**

**EZE 1:12** And they went every one straight forward: whither the spirit was to go, they went; *and* they turned not when they went.

The minister of God must follow in the characteristics of God.

- 1) The heavenly creatures went "straight forward".
- 2) Wherever the spirit went, they went.
- 3) They didn't change direction after they began following the spirit.

The glory of God brings great changes in our character and ushers us forward in our walk with God.

If we are not going forward, we are not abiding in the spirit. (Read John 15)

**ACT 22:9** And they that were with me saw indeed the light, and were afraid; **but they heard not the voice of him** that spake to me.

Many experience the same power of the light and glory of God at the time when you experience it, but they may not hear His voice when you hear it.

When God is dealing with us (alone), we will hear His voice (alone).

**ACT 22:14** And he said, The God of our fathers hath chosen thee, **that thou shouldest know his will**, and see that Just One, **and shouldest hear the voice of his mouth. 15** For thou shalt be his witness unto all men of **what thou hast seen and heard.**

God's chosen vessels should not only possess knowledge of His perfect will for their lives; but must also have the ability to hear the voice of God. Those who are prophetically gifted must share prophetically what they have seen or heard. We must testify of the knowledge of hearing the voice of God, speaking it clearly and boldly so that all in the midst can hear the word of the Lord. Some of God's people testify what others hear and do in meetings without giving testimony of actually hearing the voice of God themselves. As we mature we will witness like Paul. We must say "what we have seen and heard".

God not only wants to speak to us personally, but He wants to speak to the whole world. He desires to use our mouths as His mouthpiece. Time spent with God will bring His "fire" into our spirit. This is the first requirement to power up for prophetic ministry. When we get fire in the belly, we'll have the fire in the mouth!

**When God speaks - we must speak.**

**JER 1:6** Then said I, Ah, Lord GOD! behold, **I cannot speak**: for **I am a child**. 7But the LORD said unto me, Say not, I *am* a child: for **thou shalt go** to all that **I shall send thee**, and whatsoever I command thee **thou shalt speak**.

8Be not afraid of their faces: **for I am with thee** to deliver thee, saith the LORD.

Most of God's people are like Jeremiah. They have similar reasons for believing they are not ready. God has not changed. Like Jeremiah, we must be obedience to His voice. **We must go: and we must speak!** As we go and speak God's message we will overcome any fear of man whilst believing that God is with us.

READ: 1 Sam 3:17-18; 15:12-14.

The body of Christ will recognize your gifting.

**1 SAM 3:20** And **all Israel from Dan even to Beersheba knew** that **Samuel was established to be a prophet** of the LORD.

Other readings: Matt 10:7-10; 1 Tim 1:18; 2 Cor 4:4-7; Rom 1:1-6, 11

The prophetic ministry must be activated. It is established by the using.

**AMOS 3:7** Surely **the Lord GOD will do nothing**, but **he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets**.

For without His "fire" power in our spirit, we have a limited prophetic capability. The Holy Spirit in-fills our lives with Holy Ghost fire to empower us to speak prophetically.

**ISA 6:6** Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, **having a live coal in his hand**, *which* he had taken with the tongs from off the altar:

8Also **I heard the voice of the Lord**, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, **Here am I; send me**.

**EZE 3:14** So the spirit lifted me up, and took me away, and I went in bitterness, **in the heat of my spirit**; but **the hand of the LORD was strong upon me**.

We cannot but speak His words, when His spirit moves upon us.

**AMOS 3:8** The lion hath roared, who will not fear? **the Lord GOD hath spoken, who can but prophesy?**

When we have the burden of the Lord within us, we will not be able to hold back the Word of the Lord. It will flow like a river!

READ: 1 Cor 12:7-11, 13; 1 Cor 14:5, 12, 39

**1 COR 14:5** I would that ye all spake with tongues, **but rather that ye prophesied:** for **greater is he that prophesieth** than he that speaketh with tongues, except he interpret, that the church may receive edifying.

**1 COR 14:12** Even so ye, forasmuch as ye are zealous of spiritual *gifts*, **seek that ye may excel to the edifying of the church.**

**1 COR 14:39** Wherefore, brethren, **covet to prophesy**, and forbid not to speak with tongues.

Paul desired that everyone received the gift of tongues, but he preferred the greater gift of prophecy. It takes greater faith to prophesy.

The gift of Prophecy brings God's edifying voice into the church.

**FREELY YE HAVE RECEIVED, FREELY GIVE.**