

HEARING THE VOICE OF GOD

Gen 2:16 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: 17But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

God spoke to man (Adam) even before He created woman (Eve).
Man was created to hear the voice of God.

Gen 3:27 So God created man in his *own image*, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. 28And **God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply**, and replenish the earth, and subdue it:

It was normal for Adam and Eve to fellowship with God, even on issues such as childbirth. **They were created to communicate with God and obey His voice.** (Gen 3:8)

Gen 3:8 And **they heard the voice of the LORD God** walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden.

Isa 50:4 **The Lord GOD hath given me the tongue of the learned**, that I should know how to speak a word in season to *him that is weary*: he wakeneth morning by morning, **he wakeneth mine ear to hear as the learned.**
5The Lord GOD hath opened mine ear, and **I was not rebellious**, neither turned away back.

Isaiah heard the Lord speak every day and became wise like the learned men.

Rev 3:20 "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: **if any man hear my voice**, and open the door, **I will come in to him**, and will sup with him, and he with me. "

God promises to fellowship with His children if they hear and obey His voice.

Joh 10:27 "**My sheep hear my voice**, and I know them, and **they follow me**"

Joh 10:3 "To him the porter openeth; and **the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out.** " 4"And when he putteth forth his own sheep, **he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice.** "

Sheep will follow the known voice of a shepherd. (Psa 23:1-6)

Rom 8:14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

Isa 59:1 Behold, the LORD' hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; **neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear:**

God maybe the “ancient of days” but his hearing is good. His spiritual ear is not restricted with man’s old age process that can dull hearing. This is why it is important to be led by the Spirit of God. The heavenly beings in heaven always watch for and obey the movements of the Holy Spirit. (Eze 1:11-12)

Rev 3:8 "I know thy works: behold, **I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it:** for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name."

Rev 3:20 "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: **if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.**"

We must become responsive; quickly opening the door to His knocking. We are accountable to His knocking. We must hear His voice.

Act 9:10 And there was a certain disciple at Damascus, named Ananias; and to him said the Lord in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, Behold, I *am here*, Lord. 11And **the Lord said unto him, "Arise, and go into the street which is called Straight,** and enquire in the house of Judas for *one* called Saul, of Tarsus: for, behold, he prayeth,"

If Ananias had not known the voice of God, it is quite possible we would not have known about the Apostle Paul. It was Ananias that prayed for Saul’s blindness and imparted the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. (Read Acts 9:17)

Rev 1:10 **I was in the Spirit** on the Lord's day, **and heard behind me a great voice,** as of a trumpet.

God’s voice was loud and clear; like a trumpet.

Jer 38:20 But Jeremiah said, They shall not deliver *thee* . **Obey, I beseech thee, the voice of the LORD,** which I speak unto thee: **so it shall be well unto thee,** and thy soul shall live.

Obedience ushered in great blessing.

Psa 84:11 For the LORD God *is* a sun and shield: the LORD will give grace and glory: **no good *thing* will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.**

Deut 28:1 And it shall come to pass, **if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God**, to observe *and* to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, **that the LORD thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth:** **2**And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt **hearken unto the voice** of the LORD thy God. **3**Blessed *shalt* thou *be* in the city, and blessed *shalt* thou *be* in the field.

The blessings of God can be so great they will overtake us. (Deu 28:2)

Saul heard:

Act 9:4 And he fell to the earth, **and heard a voice** saying unto him, "Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? " **5**And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, "I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: *it is* hard for thee to kick against the pricks. " **6**And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And **the Lord said unto him, "Arise, and go into the city,** and it shall be told thee what thou must do. "

Peter heard:

Act 10:13 And **there came a voice to him, "Rise, Peter; kill, and eat. "** **14**But Peter said, Not so, Lord; for I have never eaten any thing that is common or unclean. **15**And **the voice spake unto him again the second time, "What God hath cleansed, *that* call not thou common. "**

The people heard:

Jn 12:28 "Father, glorify thy name." **Then came there a voice from heaven, saying,** I have both glorified *it*, and will glorify *it* again. **29****The people therefore, that stood by, and heard *it*, said that it thundered:** others said, An angel spake to him.

Matt 17:5 While he yet spake, **behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud,** which said, **This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him.**

Matt 3:17 And **lo a voice from heaven,** saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

1 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. **18**And **this voice which came from heaven we heard,** when we were with him in the holy mount.

Every time God spoke in an audible voice, He spoke for the benefit of the people.
(Jn 12:30)

Joh 12:30 Jesus answered and said, This voice came not because of me, **but for your sakes.**

Isa 6:8 Also **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.**

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