



**God Is a Communicator**

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## GOD SPEAKS TODAY

Our God is a **Speaking God**, and this Speaking God desires to have a **Speaking People**

- **Psl. 33:8-9** Now, with breathtaking wonder, let everyone worship Yahweh, this awe-inspiring Creator. <sup>9</sup>Words he breathed and worlds were birthed. “Let there be,” and there it was—Springing forth the moment he spoke. **No sooner said than done!** (TPT)

Our Speaking God Reveals Himself and He Creates things by His Speaking – GOD SAID:

- Gen. 1:3 Light
- Gen. 1:6 Expanse of sky
- Gen. 1:9 Oceans & Seas
- Gen. 1:11 Vegetation
- Gen. 1:14 Sun, moon, stars
- Gen. 1:20 Fish & fowl
- Gen. 1:24 Beast of earth
- Gen. 1:26 Man (2:7)



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The God revealed to us in the Bible is a speaking God (Heb. 1:1-2); and through His speaking, He reveals Himself to us and explains His desires to us.

Without the divine speaking, God would remain forever unknowable (Luke 1:70; Acts 3:21)

Now to be sure, He has not always spoken in the same manner in all ages.

- **Heb. 1:1-2** God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets,<sup>2</sup> has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds;
  - Christ is presented here as the ultimate Word of God



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In the OT, God spoke in many ways to the fathers in the prophets, in men borne by the Holy Spirit (see Heb. 1:1; II Pet. 1:21).

Consider all the ways God has spoken:

- He spoke through the Patriarchs.
- God spoke through the Prophets
- He speaks through People (*Lions roar, dogs bark, birds chirp, but man speaks*)
- He spoke through visions (Gen. 15)
- He spoke through angels (Gen. 16)
- He spoke through dreams (Gen. 28:10-19)
- The use of the Urim and Thummim (Exd. 28:30)
- Through symbolic prophetic action (Jer. 18:1-10)
- Through a gentle whisper (I Kings 19:12)
- Through miraculous signs (Exd. 8:20-25)

HOW HE SPOKE IS NOT AS IMPORTANT AS THAT HE SPOKE



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Christian worship is unlike any other form of religious exercise because we worship the living God.

Since our God is not like lifeless idols, we practice our faith differently than the rest of the world.

- I Kings 18:20-40 we see false prophets trying to communicate with their god to no avail
- I Kings 18:26 says there was no voice and they limped

One reason people worship idols is because they make no demands of you.

- It is far safer to bow down before a god who is incapable of speaking
- Perhaps that is why 450 prophets were volunteering to speak on behalf of Baal — their god needed help communicating.
- Idols are the work of human hands (Psl. 135:6, 15)



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Speaking is central to God, for God Himself is Word, and His speech commanded **nothing** to be **everything** (John 1:1–3).

- Psl. 29:4 “The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty”
- When God wants the dead to come to life he says, “Live!” (Ezk. 16:6), and
- When Jesus wanted His friend to walk out of the grave, he spoke, “Lazarus, come out” (John 11:43).

When our God speaks, He uses The Word which is beneficial for the ***explanation, definition, and expression*** of Himself, and this Word was made flesh (Jn. 1:14)

- An according to Rom 4:17-18 He is still speaking -  
-(as it is written, “*I have made you a father of many nations*”) ..... according to what was **spoken**, “*So shall your descendants be.*”

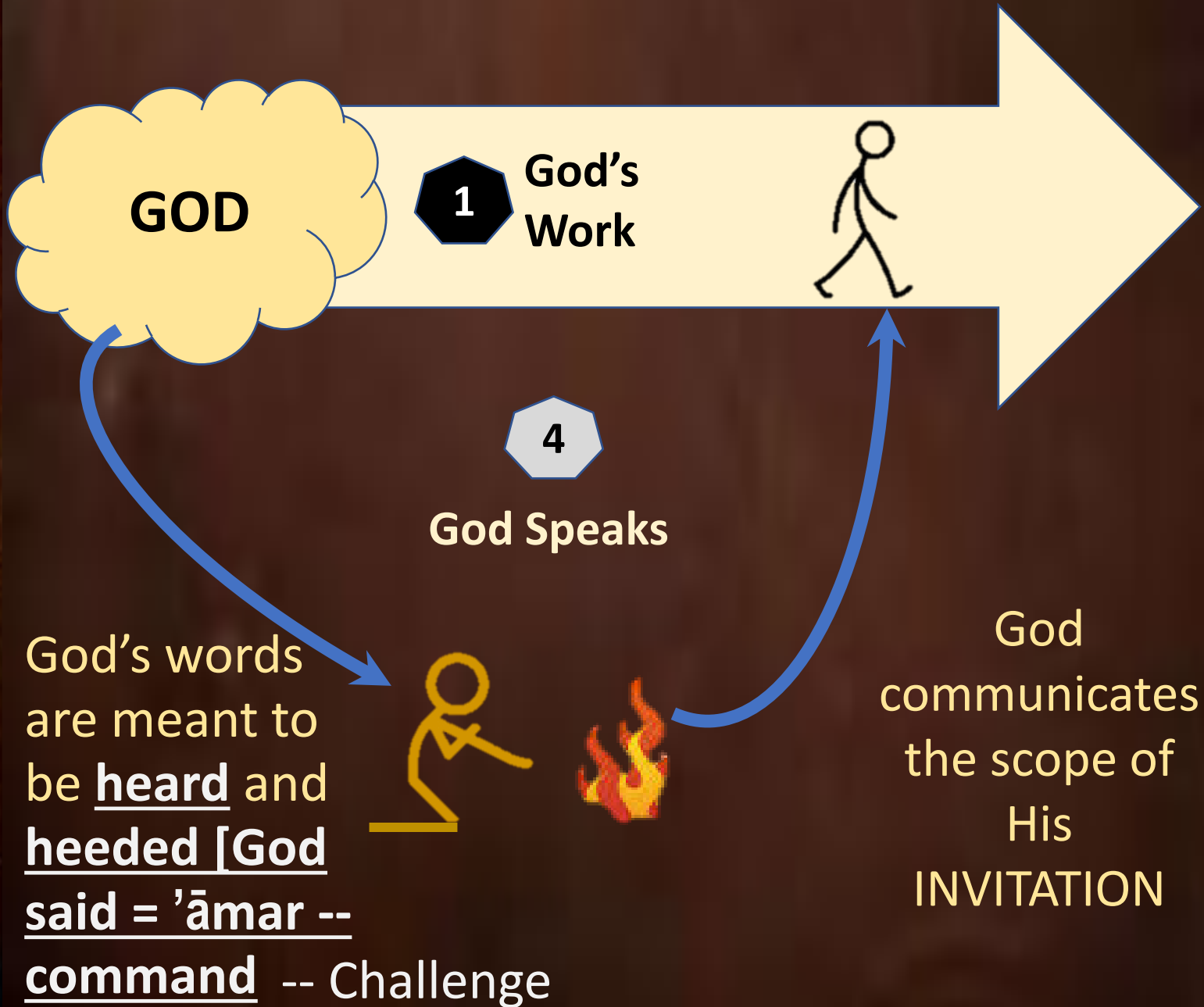


## GOD CENTERED LIVING

Because Christians worship a speaking God, we worship and serve by the opened ear.

- 1<sup>st</sup> , we do not need to cry out like the priests of Baal, “O God, answer us,” because our gathering only exists because God has called us out of darkness the light (I Pet. 2:9–10).
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Second, we expect to continue to hear His voice every time we open the “God Breathed” word in the bible (II Tim. 3:16)
  - Isa. 55:11 His word never returns ineffective
- Finally, we can expect to see evidence of God’s voice in our churches.
  - The proof of the Lord’s voice in our midst is greater than fire burning on an altar; for we know the burning of our hearts as the Scriptures concerning Christ are opened (Luke 24:32).

# GOD SPEAKS TODAY





## OBSERVATIONS FROM THE VIDEO

- ❑ God does speak to people about specific things that he is concerned about in their lives
- ❑ If we don't hear the voice of God, many of the circumstances of our lives would be so confusing
- ❑ Scripture must be our guide in order to verify what God is saying when He is speaking
- ❑ In the Bible God seldom spoke in the same way because He does not want us to trust a formula:
  - Out of a Burning Bush to Moses
  - From the mouth of a donkey to Balaam
  - In a still quiet voice to Elijah
  - By a bright shining light to Saul
- ❑ In the Bible, when God spoke, people knew it was God and what He was saying

## OBSERVATIONS FROM THE VIDEO

- ❑ Gideon problem was not that he didn't know it was God, he didn't trust God (*Judges 6*)
- ❑ Today God speaks through 2 main mediums:
  - I. Through the Holy Spirit (*John 14:16-18- another helper*)
    - 1) The spirit speaks through the Bible
  - II. God speaks through prayer (*Rom. 8:26*)
    - ❖ Prayer is meant to be a dialogue between One who knows everything and another who knows nothing
    - ❖ *Eph. 3:20* will you help me to think the way you think
- ❑ When we pray, we must learn to practice spiritual concentration
  - ❖ After we pray, we must watch to see what is going to happen next.





## GOD IS SPEAKING RIGHT NOW

It is amazing to note that even the serpent found it necessary to communicate the **AUTHORITY** of the “speaking God” — *has God indeed SAID* (Gen. 3:2, 3).

And immediately after the dialogue about the “speaking God,” the authentic **VOICE** of God is said to approach the garden inhabitants for His daily **DIALOGUE**.

The method of interchange is not as important as the fact the God wants to **COMMUNICATE** with His people and desires for them to **COMPREHEND** what He is saying in His **USUAL** voice.



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Jewish people familiar with these stories would not have found it hard to believe that God was still revealing His **WILL**, but it was astonishing for them to think that God had revealed *Himself* by speaking through His **SON**

Jesus is the **CONTINUATION** of God's revelation which has now been passed on to the **SPIRIT**.

When we are controlled by Him, He will give us all that we need to have a perfect relationship with **GOD**.

**The Bible tells us that we need to be led by the Holy Spirit (Rom. 8:12-14 and Gal. 5:16-25).**



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Therefore, it must be possible for every one of us to discern the promptings and **GUIDANCE** of the Holy Spirit within us!

Since God has made it possible for us to **HEAR** Him, we must be familiar with the other **VOICES** that are vying for the **ATTENTION** of our conscious.

**We *can* hear the voice of God, and this study will teach us how. The four voices we hear are:**

### **(1) OUR OWN VOICE**

- We also talk to ourselves inside our **HEADS**.
- Our **MINDS** tell us what we think, our **WILLS** tell us what we want, and our **EMOTIONS** tell us how we feel.

### **(2) VOICE OF OTHERS**



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- We must learn to **DISCERN** whether the content of this voice is true.

### (3) VOICE OF THE DEVIL

- The conversation with this speaker will usually involve trickery and **DECEIT**.
- He speaks to us through worldly **FILTERS**.

### (4) VOICE OF GOD

- This the most important voice , yet the most **SUBTLE**
- This voice does not speak to us in our **MINDS**, but He speaks to us in our **SPIRITS**.
- Unfortunately, we tend to spend most of our thought life in our heads, in other words in "the mind of the flesh" (Romans 8:7, AMP).



## UNDERSTANDING THE STUDY

1. God has always been speaking. How did He speak:
  - a) In The OT
  - b) In the Gospels
  - c) In Acts and in the present time?
  - d) How do you know God's Voice?
  - e) How can we know God's timing?
  
2. What has God spoken to you during your time of studying these lessons?

## UNDERSTANDING THE STUDY

3. Considering what God has spoken to you, what adjustments have you made?
4. Read Romans 8:26-27. Explain the Spirit's role in our prayer life?



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