

## "LORD, SPEAK TO ME"

### 1 Samuel 3:9

**Introduction:** Many people cry out to God asking Him to speak to them out of the sky, out of the darkness, in an audible voice. No doubt God has done that before, however it is very clear that God doesn't speak to everyone in such visible, audible ways, but God can and will very well speak to those who are His Children.

### I. THROUGH THE AGES GOD HAS SPOKEN TO HIS CHILDREN BY/IN MANY WAYS

1. God spoke audibly to Moses when in the desert and on Mt. Sinai.
  - God spoke audibly to Saul when he was going to Damascus.
  - God spoke audibly to John when he was exiled on the Isle of Patmos.
  - God spoke audibly to others in the Old Testament as well as the New.
2. God spoke through visions and dreams.
  - God spoke to Jacob
  - God spoke to Ezekiel
  - God spoke to Peter when he was on a rooftop.
  - God spoke through visions and dreams to many others.
3. God spoke through Prophets.
  - Abraham, Moses, Ezekiel, Jeremiah, Amos, Ezra, Nehemiah, Isaiah, Daniel, and many others.
4. God spoke through the Scriptures.
  - Preachers, Evangelists, Teachers
5. God spoke through acts of Providence.
  - Divine guidance or care
  - What some called "luck."

### II. TO HEAR GOD'S VOICE, ONE MUST:

1. "Turn aside" as did Moses when he was in the desert.
2. "Be still" and give God the opportunity to be heard.
3. Tune out all the noise of the world.
  - Elijah heard the storm, then felt the earth quake, then saw the fire, then all was quiet and there came the still, small voice of God.
4. One must be "in the Spirit."
  - John was "in the Spirit" on that Lord's Day on the Isle of Patmos and was given the "Revelation" by Jesus.
5. The little boy, Samuel, kept hearing something, finally he determined it was the voice of God.

### **III. WHAT TO DO WHEN GOD SPEAKS TO YOU**

1. Answer "yes" and do what God reveals to you to do, say or go.
2. Abraham did, Moses did, Ezekiel did, Jeremiah did, Amos did, Ezra did, Nehemiah did, Isaiah did, Daniel did, Samuel did, Mary did, Joseph did, and many others did, however not everyone did what God revealed to them.
3. God speaks to His Children in different ways as in times past.

### **CONCLUSION:**

1. Today we have God's written Word and through it He speaks to His Children today, along with the Holy Spirit.
2. Every person who is a Christian has had God speak to him/her or else he/she would not be a Christian.
3. Remember, you must give God full attention for as long as it takes for God to be able to get through to you in whatever form He chooses.