

## EVER HEAR GOD SPEAK DIRECTLY TO YOU?

### John 8:47

**Introduction:** Its exciting to get to talk to a famous person in person, no doubt. Just to be in the presence of someone famous is just breath taking but for that person to actually talk to you, that's one of the greatest things that can happen. However, it would seem that the MOST exciting event/thing in the world to happen to a person is for God to speak in person to him/her.

In the Old Testament God spoke in many different ways, but one thing is for sure, God spoke and still speaks, whether it is by angels, visions, dreams, the Urim and Thummim, or thunder and lightening or a gentle whisper or through miracles and signs. HOW God spoke is not as important as the fact THAT God spoke. Those God spoke to knew it was God and they knew What He was saying.

### I. WHEN GOD SPOKE, IT WAS USUALLY UNIQUE TO THAT ONE PERSON

1. God spoke to Moses through a burning bush and nobody has ever heard from God in that manner since.
2. God wants ONLY YOU to hear and understand, it is personal and private.
3. Don't expect God to speak to you through a burning bush or a donkey or some method of your imagination.
4. God wants us to look and listen for HIM. Not to try to find Him by some method or technique.  
- How one may have heard God is not how YOU may hear from God.
5. God wants to speak to us, individually, personally and privately.

### II. WHEN GOD SPOKE, THE PERSON SPOKEN TO WAS SURE IT WAS GOD SPEAKING

1. Moses asked, "who?" and God told him. (*Exodus 3:14*)
2. Moses couldn't PROVE to anyone he had ever spoken to God, but he believed and obeyed, besides, what he heard wasn't for anybody else's ears.
3. ONLY God could ever prove to others that He had spoken to someone.
4. Gideon was harder to satisfy, yet God revealed Himself clearly and gave Gideon certain instructions to obey thus proving that He was really God. (fleece, dew, drinking water)  
(*Judges 6:21-22*)

### III. WHEN GOD SPOKE, THE PERSON KNEW WHAT GOD HAD SAID

1. Moses knew exactly what God was telling him. He asked God several questions and even argued with Him.

2. Noah knew exactly what God said about the measurements of the ark, the number of animals and rain was coming.
3. Abraham knew what God said and left his home in obedience to God's instructions.
4. Joseph knew what God said to him and then interpreted dreams.
5. David talked with God and received explicit instructions for the temple God wanted built.
6. Daniel knew what God said and gave us prophecies about the end of time.
7. Countless others have heard God and have known exactly what God said.

#### **IV. WHEN GOD SPOKE, THAT WAS MEETING WITH GOD**

1. People don't talk to bushes and then claim that God was in the bush
2. Whenever God reveals Himself to you by whatever means, you are meeting with God, in person.

#### **CONCLUSION:**

1. God used many different methods to speak which are recorded in the Bible, but there are three things that were always there every time God spoke:
  - God spoke uniquely, directly to people.
  - Those God spoke to knew it was God.
  - Those God spoke to knew exactly what God said and wanted.
2. When God speaks to YOU, you will know without any doubt it is God speaking and you will understand what He is saying.
3. Methods, formulas and traditions are not the way to hear from God. You don't pick and choose the time, place, manner or situation that you hear from God. God is in charge of all that.
4. God wants to personally speak to every one of His children but they have to give Him their time, attention and love for this to take place.
5. If you don't think God has not spoken to you directly, personally, it's not because He doesn't want to, it isn't because He's been too busy or because He hasn't tried.
6. You've got to recognize God's voice when He speaks. What adjustments do you need to make in your life style for God to be able to speak to you and for you to hear and understand Him?