

## ***Hearing God's Holy Spirit***

Can you hear from God? Can He teach you?

Let's look at what the Bible says about this...

Jesus said, "He [the Holy Spirit] will glorify Me, because He will take from what is Mine and **declare it** to you" (John 16:14).

Jesus said, "The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, **will teach** you all things and **will remind** you of everything I have said to you." John 14:26

Jesus said, "When the Spirit of truth comes, **He will guide** you into all truth. For He will not **speak** on His own, but **He will speak** what He hears, and **He will declare** to you what is to come." John 16:13

1 John 2:27 says, "As for you, the anointing [the Holy Spirit] you received from Him remains in you, and you do not need anyone to teach you. But as his anointing **teaches you** about all things and as that anointing is real, not counterfeit--just as it **has taught** you, remain in Him."

Let's look at this again...

Look at the words used by Jesus Himself...

He says it over and over again...

The Spirit "declares", "teaches", "reminds", "guides", and "speaks" to us, and everyone of those words implies that the Spirit "speaks" in a way that we can "hear" Him. Jesus actually said, "To the one who has ears, let him hear." Matthew 11:19, Mark 4:9 Jesus is referring to listening spiritually -- hearing that "inner voice" which is actually the Holy Spirit of God.

The thing you must understand is that the Holy Spirit and the holy spirits -- the holy angels -- all speak to us the same way evil spirits do -- telepathically -- because they are all spirits. Even Jesus said, "God is Spirit." John 4:24 Of course, they can speak to us in many other ways too. In Numbers 22:28, it says, "Then the LORD opened the donkey's mouth..." In Exodus 3, God spoke through a burning bush. But speaking straight to our hearts (telepathically) is, to me, their most common and preferred method.

Again, look at those scriptures above. You can hear the Holy Spirit the same way you hear evil spirits. The question is, do you have the faith to receive it? You have to begin to step out in faith and know you can hear Him. Jesus said, "Unless you have the faith of a little child -- one that trusts his heavenly Father to be good to him -- you shall not enter in [receive]." Matthew 18:3

If every time you go to hear from the Holy Spirit, you fear it will be an evil spirit, then you give evil spirits a legal right to speak because you are not going to God in faith. Romans 14:23 says, "Anything not of faith is sin." Also, Jesus said, "According to your faith be it done to you." Matthew 9:29 That is, you get what you expect to get -- whether hearing from the Holy Spirit or evil spirits.

You must get to the place of faith where you expect to get what you asked for. Jesus explicitly said...

Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!

Do you have that kind of faith to know that the Father is good and will give you what you ask for and not let evil spirits give you something else? If you fear or doubt, then that's why the evil spirits answer and not God because He clearly says in James 1:5-6 that the doubter should not expect to receive. Even Hebrews 11:6 says, "And without faith it is **impossible** to please God, because anyone who comes to him **must believe** that he exists and that **he rewards** those who earnestly seek him."

It's up to you! If you want to not take advantage of something that Jesus died to give you, you'll have to step out in faith. Or you can go around in fear of the evil spirits, that they will be the ones to speak and not God. You will get whatever you believe for as, again, Jesus said, "According to your faith be done to you."

Concerning that, let this bolster your faith, that if you ask and believe, then you can have it...

Jesus said, "Ask and you shall receive" (Matthew 7:7), "I will do whatever you ask in My name" (John 14:13), "when you ask, believe you have it and it shall be yours" (Mark 11:24), "everyone who asks receives" (Matthew 7:8), "if you believe, you will receive whatever you ask in prayer" (Matthew 21:22) and more.

Again, James 1:5-6 says, "If anyone lacks wisdom let Him ask God and God will give it. But if you doubt, you should not expect to receive anything." Do you see it clearly here? God said to ask Him for "wisdom" (understanding) and He will give it to you – He will speak to you -- UNLESS you doubt He will. If you doubt, then He might not and the evil spirits might just answer you instead.

From my own life, I hear the Holy Spirit very clearly all the time. He directs me to scripture. He directs me to people needing ministry and He tells me what they need (they didn't have to tell me). He corrects me when I have something wrong. He tells me things I could not have learned without Him. I can even go to dead church and still learn because He is my teacher, not the pastors. In fact, Jesus said this... "Don't let anyone call you 'Teacher,' for you have only one teacher, the Messiah." Matthew 23:10

So finally, again, look at those scriptures closely. The Spirit "declares", "teaches", "reminds", "guides", and "speaks" to those listening. Are you listening to Him or evil spirits? You can hear from the Holy Spirit the way you do any evil spirit. It's the same. But it's up to you.

The key to hearing Him is faith and trust, and learning to discern His voice. For instance, if someone you know well calls you on the phone, you know it's them without him saying, hey it's me, because you know them well enough to know their voice. God is exactly the same.

## ADDITIONAL THOUGHTS

Some people actually believe that because we have the Bible, God no longer speaks to us as He did in the past. That is not true because the Bible **repeatedly** says God does not change. Look how many times...

Malachi 3:6, James 1:17, Numbers 23:19, Psalm 102:27, Lamentations 3:22 Daniel 6:26, Habakkuk 1:12, Hebrews 13:8

What does that mean? It means God has always spoken to men and has never stopped because He does not change. If He has stopped speaking, then He is a liar because His word says He does not change. The Bible exists only as a testimony of how others learned that God wants to know you personally and will speak with you personally.

In fact, consider this, large portions of the Bible were written by people who were dictating the Holy Spirit. 2 Peter 1:21 literally says, "For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God **as they were carried along** by the Holy Spirit."

"As they were carried along" means as the Spirit spoke to them and told them what to write. "Carried" means it was effortless. The Spirit simply spoke and they simply wrote.

Look at how many times God told someone – through His Holy Spirit – to write down – dictate – what He says to them...

Jeremiah 30:2 This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: "**Write in a book** all the words I have spoken to you."

Isaiah 30:8 "Go now, **write it on a tablet** for them, **inscribe it** on a scroll, that for the days to come it may be an everlasting witness.

Exodus 34:27 Then the LORD said to Moses, "**Write down these words**, for in accordance with these words I have made a covenant with you and with Israel."

Habakkuk 2:2 Then the LORD replied: "**Write down the revelation** and make it plain on tablets so that a Herald may run with it."

Deuteronomy 6:9 **Write them** on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

Deuteronomy 11:20 "You shall **write them** on the doorposts of your house and on your gates."

Jeremiah 36:2 "Take a scroll and **write on it** all the words which I have spoken to you concerning Israel and concerning Judah, and concerning all the nations, from the day I first spoke to you, from the days of Josiah, even to this day."

## ACTIVATION

Would you like to see just how easy it is to hear God's Holy Spirit and know you heard Him? Try this...

Close your eyes, take a deep breath, and relax. Then say, "Father in Heaven, how do You feel about me personally?" Then wait expectantly for an answer. Pay attention to what comes to mind.

If what you hear is evil, that's not God. Usually, you will hear how much He loves and appreciates you. That is not you! And that's definitely not an evil spirit (they would never build you up like that)! That is your Father in Heaven who loves you more than you can comprehend!

Once you have done this, try asking any other questions you might have. "How do you feel about...?" "What do you say about...?"

Just remember that you will have to discern if what you hear is actually from God or not, and you will know by whether it agrees with His word and character or not, and by an inner witness. Romans 8:16 says, "The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit..."