



God's Voice

PART FIFTEEN | DISCERNMENT

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2. How does God speak?

No limit in how He speaks –

2.1 God's Word:

It is the foundation, filter and first tester of all that God says to us...

2.2 Holy Spirit and Prayer:

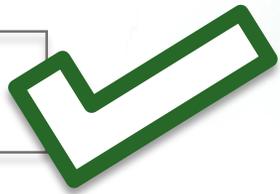
Indwelling Spirit of God in all of us as believers -

Prayer | talking to God and hearing Him speak

1 Kings 19:12 [Elijah] ...there was a voice, a soft whisper.

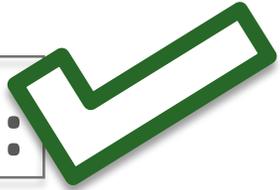
How He Speaks

2.3 Dreams and Visions:



Joel 2:28 “And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions.”

2.4 Creation:



Romans 1:20 For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world...

2.5 The Body: ✓

- Believers and other people:

God speaks through others: Fellow disciples, friends and family, leaders

A. Parents and Children: ✓

B. Wise counsel: ✓

C. Teaching and Gifts: ✓

D. Prophecy: ✓

God Speaks



Your prophecy is a
weapon that God has
given you



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3. Discernment:

God's voice integral part of our lives

His voice alone -

In part 1 – **John 10:4** And when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them; and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. 5 Yet they will by no means follow a stranger, but will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.

The voice of the Shephard and not the stranger [*satan*]

Hearing and seeing goes hand in hand... KINGDOM

3.1 Discernment:

Defined – Greek Word: διάκρισις | diakrisis | Pronunciation: dee-AH-kree-sis

The ability to distinguish, differentiate, or judge between things.

Spiritual discernment, particularly distinguishing between true and false spirits or teachings. Clear judgment or understanding in a spirit

John 7:37–39

Applies to all Spirit-filled believers

1 Corinthians 12:10

Gift of discernment

3.2 Spiritual Blindness:

1. Matthew 13:13 This is why I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand. 14 Indeed, in their case the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled that says: “‘You will indeed hear but never understand, and you will indeed see but never perceive.’ 15 For this people's heart has grown dull, and with their ears they can barely hear, and their eyes they have closed, lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears and understand with their heart and turn, and I would heal them.”

2. Luke 8:10 He said, “To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God, but for others they are in parables, so that ‘seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand.’”

3.3 Jesus and His Spirit God's cure for us:

1 Corinthians 2:8 None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. 9 However, as it is written: “What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived” — the things God has prepared for those who love him— 10 these are the things God has revealed to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. 11 For who knows a person's thoughts except their own spirit within them? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. 12 What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us. 13 This is what we speak,

not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, explaining spiritual realities with Spirit-taught words. 14

The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness, and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit. 15 The person with the Spirit makes judgments about all things, but such a person is not subject to merely human judgments, 16 for, “Who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?” But we have the mind of Christ.

Galatians 5:16 “I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh”

1 John 2:6 “He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked”

1 John 3:24 “By this we know that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us”

Walk by the Spirit

4. How do we grow in discernment?

4.1 Intimacy:

Deep, true, daily relationship - closeness with God | SONSHIP

WORD –

SPIRIT –

BODY –

4.2 Anchored in Love:

Philippians 1:9–10 And this is my prayer: that **your love may abound more and more** in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be **able to discern** what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ...

1 Corinthians 13:6 “Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth.”

5.3 Practice and training:

1 Thessalonians 5:21 Test all things; hold fast what is good. 22
Abstain from every form of evil.

Hebrews 5:14 “But solid food is for the mature, for those who have their powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil.”

Jesus walked and lived for the Father.

In love...

Perfect discernment was a fruit of a

beautiful relationship



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ISAIAH 60:1

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Let's Pray