

# Scriptural Ways God Communicates

(Summary of 'The Hearing God Kit: Session Notes' Session 4, p:30-37)

## **DIRECT ENCOUNTERS**<sup>1</sup>

1. Personal Visitation
  - God The Son<sup>2</sup> visits a person and talks to them. This is rare.
  - Genesis 18:26; Exodus 3:4; Exodus 33:11; Daniel 3:23-27; Luke 24:13-15
2. Angelic Visitation
  - An Angel (messenger) visits a person and talks to them. This is not as rare.
  - Genesis 16:6-11; Genesis 19:1-3, 18-21; Genesis 35:9-13; Numbers 22:31-35; Daniel 9:15-26; Luke 1:26-28
3. Heavenly Translocation<sup>3</sup>
  - The spirit of a person visits heavenly realm and talks with The Son, angels or elohim.
  - 2 Corinthians 12:2-4; Revelation 4:1-11
  - Rick Joyner, Ian McCormack, Ian Clayton
4. Vision
  - While awake and eyes are closed – A person sees a moving picture with their spirit where the Lord or one of his messengers speaks to them.
  - Genesis 15:1; Isaiah 6; Acts 7:54-56; Acts 10:9-15; Acts 16:9-10
5. Trance
  - While fully awake and eyes are open – A person sees a moving picture with their spirit where the Lord or one of his messengers speaks to them.
  - Daniel 10:4-9; Revelation 1:9-20
6. Dreams
  - While asleep – A person is spoken to by the Lord or one of his messengers and they do not wake up. They remember the dream as it felt quite real to them.
  - It is easier for people to hear then as their guard is down – their mind won't prevent them from hearing.
  - Over 300 examples in scripture.
  - Job 33:14-16; Matthew 2:12; Matthew 2:19-23; Acts 2:17
7. Hearing His Voice
  - A person hears God speaking with what seems to be their ears, but they may not see him.
  - Genesis 22:10-12; 1 Samuel 3:1-14; Matthew 3:17<sup>4</sup>; Acts 9:3-7

## **NORMAL METHODS**

1. Hearing Him through Impressions
  - This is how God speaks to most of us, most of the time. Acts 14:9-10 John 6:15

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2 – The divine being who became the man Jesus.

3 – Also called 'Ascensions', but as heaven is all around us, it is an archaic religious term.

4 – They all heard the voice.

2. Hearing Him through an Inner Knowing
  - This is an inner knowing; you don't know how you know, but you just know. Many times I go to bed with a question in my heart, then wake up in the morning with complete certainty. (Example: trip to Egypt)
  - Matthew 12:25
  - John 13:1
  
3. Hearing Him through Devotional Prayer
  - Psalm 34:1-11
  - Psalm 73:3-17
  - Psalm 100:4 – draw near and enter in thru adoration and praise.
  - Exodus 25:22 – The tabernacle was designed by God as the way that God would speak to them. It was specifically designed to align get the priests into a place to hear through its devotional regimen.
  
4. Hearing Him through Scripture
  - Guardrail: Prophecy will never change doctrine; will never contradict truths of scripture. However, not every revelation will be found in scripture.
  - Scripture is the thoughts of God; scripture pops out to you. Hebrews 4:12
  - God uses the Scriptures to speak to us! 2 Timothy 3:16
  
5. Hearing Him through Others
  - Example: Abigail speaks God's heart to David: 1 Samuel 25:32-33
  
6. Hearing Him through Circumstances
  - Jonah 1:4
  
7. Hearing Him through Conversation
  - John 4: Jesus with the woman at the well. Jesus began asking questions, then came the revelation. Conversation leads to revelation.
  
8. Hearing Him through Asking Questions
  - 59% of Jesus' sayings were in response to questions.
  - Sometimes in order to hear God we need to ask the right questions. Asking the right questions really matters!
  - Matthew 27:12-14
  
9. Hearing Him through Poems
  - David: 150 Psalms
  - Song of Solomon – Poetry book
  
10. Hearing Him through Your Own Mouth
  - Peter surprised himself by speaking the word of God. Luke 9:20-21
  
11. Hearing Him through Dreams
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  - You can dream intentionally.
  - \* Turn off the TV. Cleanse your vessel.
  - \* Pray before bed. Ask anointed questions.
  - \* Wake up slowly. Have a journal ready.

12. Hearing Him through Journalling
  - Keeping a “Journal of the Voice.”
  - Write down the nuggets that you receive from the Lord throughout the day and pray over them in your prayer time.
  - Journalling is God’s way of mining out hidden truths: Habakkuk 2:2-3
13. Hearing Him through an Internal Audible Voice
  - Samuel heard, but Eli heard nothing. 1 Samuel 3:4-5
14. Hearing Him through Singing
  - Singing prophets. Revelation 5:9
15. Hearing Him through Feelings & Senses
  - Compassion
  - Feeling what others feel: oppression, pains
  - Bob Jones , Bob Hartley , Mike Bickle – all do this

## **OTHER WAYS TO RECEIVE**

1. Hearing Him through Creation
  - Psalm 19:1-2
  - Romans 1:20
  - “To me my dear young friends, nature in its varied forms are the little windows through which God permits me to commune with him, and to see much of his glory, majesty and power by simply lifting the curtain and looking in. More and more as we come closer and closer in touch with nature and its teachings, are we able to see the divine and are therefore fitted to interpret the various languages spoken by all forms of nature about us.” (George Washington Carver)
  - Signs. Acts 2:19
  - Magi: Stars
2. Hearing Him through Names
  - Methuselah means “It is time” (he died the same year of the flood)
  - Mahalalel
3. Hearing Him through Colours
4. Hearing Him through Numbers
5. Casting lots
  - Proverbs 16:33
  - Leviticus 16:8
  - Joshua 18:10
  - Nehemiah 11:1
  - Acts 1:26
  - Moravians did it.
  - John Wesley cast lots regarding marriage: “...Both of us sought God by deep consideration, fasting and prayer...but could not come to any decision. At length we agreed to appeal to the Searcher of Hearts. I accordingly made three lots. In one was writ, ‘Marry;’ in the second

‘Think not of it this year.’ After we prayed to God to give us a ‘perfect lot’, Mr. Delamotte drew the third, in which were the words, ‘Think of it no more.’ Instead of the agony I had reason to expect, I was enabled to say cheerfully, ‘Thy will be done.’ We cast lots again to know whether I ought to converse with her any more, and the direction I received from God was ‘Only in the presence of Mr. Delamotte’.” (Wesley 4 March 1737, cited in David 1962)

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