

### **Lesson 3 – The Voice of God**

#### ***Psalm 29:3-9***

*The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;  
 The God of glory thunders,  
 The LORD is over many waters.  
 The voice of the LORD is powerful,  
 The voice of the LORD is majestic.  
 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;  
 Yes, the LORD breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon.  
 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,  
 And Sirion like a young wild ox.  
 The voice of the LORD hews out flames of fire.  
 The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;  
 The LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.  
 The voice of the LORD makes the deer to calve  
 And strips the forests bare;  
 And in His temple everything says, “Glory!”*

In order to discern God’s voice, you must be seeking Him. Be intentional, deliberate and fervent about hearing from God in His Word. Soon His Voice will become alive in you...

#### **Jeremiah 29:13**

You will seek me and find me, when you seek me <sup>a</sup>with all your heart

#### **Romans 10:17**

*So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the Word of Christ.*

#### **Luke 6:46**

*Why do you call me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and not do what I tell you?*

As a follower of Christ, the Holy Spirit is always speaking to you. The fact that you want to hear from God is an urging of the Holy Spirit. If you don’t hear God, follow Him/The Word and you will find your way to His voice.

#### **John 10:27**

*My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.*

**5.** To discern the voice of God, you must take active steps to renew your mind. The world is cluttered with so many distractions and mis-directions that we cannot hear from Him. Make it your daily practice to renew, replenish and refine your mind with the Word of God.

#### **Romans 12:2**

*Do not conform to the pattern of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.*

6. God does not yell or scream at you for attention. His whisper...still, small voice – is the way He speaks to you. Eliminate any internal mind clutter and external noise so that you can discern the voice of God.

### **1 Kings 19:11-12**

*The Lord said, "Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire came **a gentle whisper**.*

### **Genesis 12 King James Version (KJV) Abraham**

12 Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee:

2 And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:

3 And I will bless them that bless thee and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

4 So Abram departed, as the LORD had spoken unto him; and Lot went with him:

### **Ways God Speaks to men**

### **Genesis 5:22-24 King James Version (KJV) God speaks directly to people**

22 And **Enoch** walked with God after he begat Methuselah three hundred years, and begat sons and daughters:

23 And all the days of Enoch were three hundred sixty and five years:

24 And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him.

8 But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.

### **Genesis 6:9 King James Version (KJV)**

9 These are the generations of Noah: **Noah** was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God.

22 Thus did Noah; according to all that God commanded him, so did he.

### **Genesis 7:5 King James Version (KJV)**

5 And Noah did according unto all that the LORD commanded him.

### **Genesis 17 King James Version (KJV)**

1 And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect.

2 And I will make my covenant between me and thee, and will multiply thee exceedingly.

3 And Abram fell on his face: and God talked with him, saying,

4 As for me, behold, my covenant is with thee, and thou shalt be a father of many nations.

5 Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee.

6 And I will make thee exceeding fruitful, and I will make nations of thee, and kings shall come out of thee.

**Genesis 17:22 King James Version (KJV)**

<sup>22</sup> And he left off talking with him, and God went up from Abraham.

**Exodus 20 King James Version (KJV) People of Israel**

**20** And God spake all these words, saying,

<sup>2</sup> I am the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

<sup>3</sup> Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

<sup>4</sup> Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

<sup>5</sup> Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me;

<sup>6</sup> And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

<sup>7</sup> Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

**Exodus 20 King James Version (KJV)**

<sup>18</sup> And all the people saw the thunderings, and the lightnings, and the noise of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking: and when the people saw it, they removed, and stood afar off.

<sup>19</sup> And they said unto Moses, Speak thou with us, and we will hear: but let not God speak with us, lest we die.

<sup>20</sup> And Moses said unto the people, Fear not: for God is come to prove you, and that his fear may be before your faces, that ye sin not.

<sup>21</sup> And the people stood afar off, and Moses drew near unto the thick darkness where God was.

<sup>22</sup> And the LORD said unto Moses, Thus thou shalt say unto the children of Israel, **Ye have seen that I have talked with you from heaven.**

**Joshua 5:13-15 King James Version (KJV)**

<sup>13</sup> And it came to pass, when **Joshua** was by Jericho, that he lifted up his eyes and looked, and, behold, there stood a man over against him with his sword drawn in his hand: and Joshua went unto him, and said unto him, Art thou for us, or for our adversaries?

<sup>14</sup> And he said, Nay; but as captain of the host of the LORD am I now come. And Joshua fell on his face to the earth, and did worship, and said unto him, What saith my Lord unto his servant?

<sup>15</sup> And the captain of the LORD's host said unto Joshua, Loose thy shoe from off thy foot; for the place whereon thou standest is holy. And Joshua did so

**Genesis 28:10-15 King James Version (KJV) Dreams**  
 Jacob, heard from God through dreams ([Genesis 28:12-13](#)).

<sup>10</sup> And **Jacob** went out from Beersheba, and went toward Haran.

<sup>11</sup> And he lighted upon a certain place, and tarried there all night, because the sun was set; and he took of the stones of that place, and put them for his pillows, and lay down in that place to sleep.

<sup>12</sup> And he dreamed, and behold a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven: and behold the angels of God ascending and descending on it.

<sup>13</sup> And, behold, the LORD stood above it, and said, I am the LORD God of Abraham thy father, and the God of Isaac: the land whereon thou liest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed;

<sup>14</sup> And thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and thou shalt spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south: and in thee and in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed.

<sup>15</sup> And, behold, I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest, and will bring thee again into this land; for I will not leave thee, until I have done that which I have spoken to thee of.

**Ezekiel 1:1 King James Version (KJV) Visions**

Ezekiel saw visions ([Ezekiel 1:1](#)). Saul began to hear from God and spoke for Him when “the Spirit of God came powerfully upon him”

**1** Now it came to pass in the thirtieth year, in the fourth month, in the fifth day of the month, as I was among the captives by the river of Chebar, that **the heavens were opened, and I saw visions of God.**

**Ezekiel 2 King James Version (KJV) Ezekiel**

**2** And he said unto me, Son of man, stand upon thy feet, and I will speak unto thee.

**2** And **the spirit entered into me when he spake unto me, and set me upon my feet, that I heard him that spake unto me.**

<sup>3</sup> And he said unto me, Son of man, I send thee to the children of Israel, to a rebellious nation that hath rebelled against me: they and their fathers have transgressed against me, even unto this very day.

**1 Samuel 3 King James Version (KJV)**

<sup>4</sup> That the LORD called Samuel: and he answered, Here am I.

<sup>5</sup> And he ran unto Eli, and said, Here am I; for thou calledst me. And he said, I called not; lie down again. And he went and lay down.

<sup>6</sup> And the LORD called yet again, Samuel. And Samuel arose and went to Eli, and said, Here am I; for thou didst call me. And he answered, I called not, my son; lie down again.

**<sup>7</sup> Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, neither was the word of the LORD yet revealed unto him.**

<sup>8</sup> And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli, and said, Here am I; for thou didst call me. And Eli perceived that the LORD had called the child.

<sup>9</sup> Therefore Eli said unto Samuel, Go, lie down: and it shall be, if he call thee, that thou shalt say, Speak, LORD; for thy servant heareth. So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

<sup>10</sup> And the LORD came, and stood, and called as at other times, Samuel, Samuel. Then Samuel answered, Speak; for thy servant heareth.

<sup>11</sup> And the LORD said to Samuel, Behold, I will do a thing in Israel, at which both the ears of every one that heareth it shall tingle.

<sup>12</sup> In that day I will perform against Eli all things which I have spoken concerning his house: when I begin, I will also make an end.

<sup>13</sup> For I have told him that I will judge his house for ever for the iniquity which he knoweth; because his sons made themselves vile, and he restrained them not.

<sup>14</sup> And therefore I have sworn unto the house of Eli, that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be purged with sacrifice nor offering for ever.

<sup>15</sup> And Samuel lay until the morning, and opened the doors of the house of the LORD. And Samuel feared to shew Eli the vision.

<sup>16</sup> Then Eli called Samuel, and said, Samuel, my son. And he answered, Here am I.

<sup>17</sup> And he said, What is the thing that the LORD hath said unto thee? I pray thee hide it not from me: God do so to thee, and more also, if thou hide any thing from me of all the things that he said unto thee.

<sup>18</sup> And Samuel told him every whit and hid nothing from him. And he said, It is the LORD: let him do what seemeth him good.

<sup>19</sup> And Samuel grew, and the LORD was with him, and did let none of his words fall to the ground.

### **1 Samuel 10:10-19 King James Version (KJV)**

Saul began to hear from God and spoke for Him when “the Spirit of God came powerfully upon him”

<sup>10</sup> And when they came thither to the hill, behold, a company of prophets met him; and the Spirit of God came upon him, and he prophesied among them.

<sup>11</sup> And it came to pass, when all that knew him beforetime saw that, behold, **he prophesied among the prophets**, then the people said one to another, What is this that is come unto the son of Kish? **Is Saul also among the prophets?**

<sup>12</sup> And one of the same place answered and said, But who is their father? Therefore it became a proverb, Is Saul also among the prophets?

<sup>13</sup> And when he had made an end of prophesying, he came to the high place.

<sup>14</sup> And Saul's uncle said unto him and to his servant, Whither went ye? And he said, To seek the asses: and when we saw that they were no where, we came to Samuel.

<sup>15</sup> And Saul's uncle said, Tell me, I pray thee, what Samuel said unto you.

<sup>16</sup> And Saul said unto his uncle, He told us plainly that the asses were found. But of the matter of the kingdom, whereof Samuel spake, he told him not.

### **Luke 1:28-40 King James Version (KJV) Messengers / Angels**

<sup>28</sup> And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women.

<sup>29</sup> And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be.

<sup>30</sup> And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God.

<sup>31</sup> And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS.

<sup>32</sup> He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David:

<sup>33</sup> And he shall reign over the house of Jacob forever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.

<sup>34</sup> Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?

<sup>35</sup> And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: **therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.**

### **John 1 King James Version (KJV)**

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

<sup>2</sup> The same was in the beginning with God.

<sup>3</sup> All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

<sup>4</sup> In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

<sup>5</sup> And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

<sup>6</sup> *There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.*

<sup>7</sup> *The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe.*

<sup>8</sup> *He was not that Light but was sent to bear witness of that Light.*

<sup>9</sup> That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.

<sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.

<sup>11</sup> He came unto his own, and his own received him not.

<sup>12</sup> But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

<sup>13</sup> Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

<sup>14</sup> **And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.**

### **1 Corinthians 2:5-16 King James Version (KJV)**

<sup>5</sup> That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.

<sup>6</sup> Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought:

<sup>7</sup> But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory:

<sup>8</sup> Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

<sup>9</sup> But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

<sup>10</sup> **But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.**

<sup>11</sup> For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, **but the Spirit of God.**

<sup>12</sup> Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.

<sup>13</sup> Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, **but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.**

<sup>14</sup> But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, **because they are spiritually discerned.**

<sup>15</sup> But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man.

<sup>16</sup> For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? but **we have the mind of Christ.**

Next Lesson – Discernment -Things of the Spirit vs The Things of the Flesh