

Listening To The Spirit

Acts 9:10-19

10 Now there was a certain disciple at Damascus named Ananias; and to him the Lord said in a vision, “Ananias.” And he said, “Here I am, Lord.”

11 So the Lord said to him, “Arise and go to the street called Straight, and inquire at the house of Judas for one called Saul of Tarsus, for behold, he is praying. 12 And in a vision he has seen a man named Ananias coming in and putting his hand on him, so that he might receive his sight.” 13 Then Ananias answered, “Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much harm he has done to Your saints in Jerusalem.

14 And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on Your name.” 15 But the Lord said to him, “Go, for he is a chosen vessel of Mine to bear My name before Gentiles, kings, and the children of Israel. 16 For I will show him how many things he must suffer for My name’s sake.” 17 And Ananias went his way and entered the house; and laying his hands on him he said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus,[a] who appeared to you on the road as you came, has sent me that you may receive your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” 18 Immediately there fell from his eyes something like scales, and he received his sight at once; and he arose and was baptized. 19 So when he had received food, he was strengthened. Then Saul spent some days with the disciples at Damascus.

**"Logos" in Greek means
"the Written Word".**

**"Rhema" in Greek literally means
an "utterance" or "thing said".**

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**GOD'S SPIRIT
SPEAKS EVERYDAY
BUT ARE WE LISTENING?**

Isaiah 50:4

***“He awakens Me morning by morning, He
awaken my ear to hear as the learned.”***

James 1:19

***“Let every man be swift to hear,
slow to speak”***

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7 Ways How God's Spirit Speaks To Us Today?

1) God's Spirit Speaks Through His Word

John 14:26 (NIV)

But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, **will teach you all things and remind you** of everything that I have told you.

Psalms 119:105

Your Word is lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

2) God's Spirit Speaks Through His Prophets/Leaders

Amos 3:7-8

“Surely the Lord God does nothing, **unless He reveals His secret to His servants the prophets.** A lion has roared. Who will not fear? The lord has spoken! Who can but prophesy?”

3) God's Spirit Speaks Through People Around Us

Exodus 18: 17-24

“Moses listened to the advised of his father in law.”

4) God's Spirit Speaks Through An Inner Voice

John 16:13 (NKJV)

13 However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.

Mark 13:11 (NKJV)

11 But when they arrest you and deliver you up, do not worry beforehand, or premeditate[a] what you will speak. But whatever is given you in that hour, speak that; for it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit.

5) God's Spirit Speaks Through Circumstances in Our Lives

Romans 8:28(NKJV)

28 And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.

2 Corinthians 12: 7-10

“Paul learnt through his circumstances what God was speaking and doing in his life.”

6) God's Spirit Speaks Through Dreams & Visions

Acts 2:17-18

“God promise in the last days, young man shall see vision and old men shall dream dreams.”

Acts 16:9-10

“Paul saw a vision pointed the direction he should go.”

Acts 9:10

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7) God's Spirit Speaks Through An Audible Voice

1 Samuel 3:4, 6, 8-10

“God called Samuel’s name.”

Acts 9: 7

7 And the men who journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice but seeing no one.

ii) 3 Reasons Why We Don't Hear Him?

1) We Are Not Tune to Him

Psalm 78:1(NKJV)

Give ear, O my people, to my law;
Incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

Revelations 2-3

“He who has ears let them ears what the Spirit is saying.”

Exodus 3:4

“Moses needed to turn aside to be tune to God.”

2) We Haven't Learn to Recognize His Voice

John 10:4

“His sheep knows His Voice.”

1 Kings 19:11-13

“Elijah learnt to recognize God's voice.”

John 12:28-30 (NKJV)

28 Father, glorify Your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, saying, “I have both glorified it and will glorify it again.” 29 Therefore the people who stood by and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, “An angel has spoken to Him.” 30 Jesus answered and said, “This voice did not come because of Me, but for your sake.

3) We Have Not Master the Art of Waiting upon God till He speaks

Luke 5:16 (NKJV)

So He Himself often withdrew into the wilderness and prayed.

Psalm 46:10 “Be still and know I’m God.”

“To have God speak to the heart is a majestic experience, an experience that people may miss if they monopolize the conversation and never pause to hear God's responses.”

Charles Stanley