

## **Hearing, Seeing and Knowing**

- The foundational question must first be settled, “Does God desire to communicate with His creation?”
- God’s response to this question:

We are in relationship with our creator!

### **John 10:14-15, 27 (Scriptures in NKJV)**

***14 "I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep, and am known by My own.***

***15 "As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep.***

***27 "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.***

God shares information through this relationship!

### **I John 2:20**

***20 But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you know all things.***

We are connected/indwelled by our Creator!

### **I Cor. 2:11-12, 13-14**

***11 For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God.***

***12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God.***

***13 These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual.***

***14 But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.***

- We have strayed so far from normal, that we think hearing God is exceptional!
- I. Spiritual discernment is one way God communicates with His creation.
  - A. Discern – to recognize as separate or different, to perceive or recognize and make out clearly.
    1. Discernment is how we recognize what is and isn't the moving of God!

### **I John 4:1**

***Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world.***

2. We need to be able to discern or to know the spiritual climate of things.

### **Luke 12:54-56**

***54 Then He also said to the multitudes, "Whenever you see a cloud rising out of the west, immediately you say, 'A shower is coming'; and so it is.***

***55 "And when you see the south wind blow, you say, 'There will be hot weather'; and there is.***

***56 "Hypocrites! You can discern the face of the sky and of the earth, but how is it you do not discern this time?"***

3. In myself, I do not/cannot see things completely accurately! It takes God!

### **John 5:30**

***30 "I can of Myself do nothing. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is righteous, because I do not seek My own will but the will of the Father who sent Me.***

## **B. The Change!**

### **Gen. 3:7**

***7 Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings.***

1. "Eyes" were opened – "aiyen" is the Hebrew word.
2. It means to see with intellect, emotion and reasoning.
3. We were "designed" to be Spirit led, but the fall changed everything!

## **II. Spiritual knowing in the midst of our natural fallen condition!**

**I Cor. 2:9-16**

***9 But as it is written: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him."***

***10 But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God.***

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***15 But he who is spiritual judges all things, yet he himself is rightly judged by no one.***

***16 For "who has known the mind of the LORD that he may instruct Him?" But we have the mind of Christ.***

A. Communion with God has been restored! (verse 12)

1. Application/understanding comes with this communion. (verse 13)
2. This can be contrary to the "natural".

3. Remember, the natural is the intellect, emotion and reason.
  4. BUT, we have the mind of Christ. (Verse 16)
- B. The Word of God/scripture must be our anchor in hearing from God!

**Psalm 138:2** – God’s priority must be ours!

***2 I will worship toward Your holy temple, And praise Your name For Your lovingkindness and Your truth; For You have magnified Your word above all Your name.***

III. We must “position ourselves” to hear from the Lord!

- A. The Lord spoke to Samuel as he lay by the “ark of the Lord.”

**I Sam. 3:1-4**

***3:1 Then the boy Samuel ministered to the LORD before Eli. And the word of the LORD was rare in those days; there was no widespread revelation.  
2 And it came to pass at that time, while Eli was lying down in his place, and when his eyes had begun to grow so dim that he could not see,  
3 and before the lamp of God went out in the tabernacle of the LORD where the ark of God was, and while Samuel was lying down,  
4 that the LORD called Samuel. And he answered, "Here I am!"***

We can't expect to hear from heaven, while we live like hell!

Do you allow God time to speak to you?

B. One person said: The voice of God is our compass,  
and the Word is True North!