

## LESSON 4: HEARING GOD SPEAK

Introduction: God speaks to us through a variety of ways. It is imperative that we learn to hear and discern God's voice.

### GOD SPEAKS THROUGH ANGELS

**Read *Daniel 9:20-23***

- ▶ Who speaks to Daniel in these verses to give him insight and understanding?
- ▶ Who are the angels that we know by name in the Bible?

**Read *Daniel 10:12-13***

- ▶ How long did it take Gabriel to get to Daniel to answer his prayer?
- ▶ Why did it take so long for Gabriel to get there?

If we want to hear God, we must accept the fact that it may take a period of time.

**Read *Acts 8:26, 29***

- ▶ Who led Phillip in these verses?
- ▶ What are the two ways Phillip was directed?

There is a tendency for us to sometimes think that angelic speaking is done only in the Old Testament. This verse clearly shows us angels speak to people in both the New Testament and Old Testament.

### GOD SPEAKS THROUGH DREAMS

**Read *Mathew 2:12-14***

- ▶ How did Joseph know that God wanted him to go to Egypt?
- ▶ Was it very clear to Joseph what God wanted him to do?

**Read *Genesis 37:5-11***

- ▶ How did Joseph know what God had planned for his future?
- ▶ Did his brothers and father have a clear understanding of the message of the dream?

Two things to remember about God speaking through dreams:

1. God can speak through dreams
2. There will never be difficulties in understanding the meaning of the dream.

## GOD SPEAKS DIRECTLY AND LOUD

**Read Acts 9:1-7**

- ▶ How does God speak to Saul in these passages?
- ▶ Did Jesus speak in a loud voice or a still, small voice?

At times God will speak to us in a loud manner. This usually occurs when we are not walking with the Lord. We seldom see God speak in this manner in the Bible. This will not be the primary way God speaks to you.

## GOD SPEAKS THROUGH OTHER PEOPLE

**Read Acts 11:27-28**

- ▶ Who tells the people in Antioch that a great famine was coming?
- ▶ By whose authority does he speak this message?

## GOD SPEAKS THROUGH CIRCUMSTANCES

**Read Mark 6:49**

- ▶ How does God use this circumstance to speak to the disciples?

**Read 2 Peter 1:20-21**

- ▶ How can we know that what we learn in circumstances is truly from God?

## GOD SPEAKS THROUGH A LOW WHISPER

**Read 1 Kings 19:9-19**

- ▶ How does God speak to Elijah?

**Read Philippians 4:6-7**

- ▶ What two things do these verses tell us that God guards?

## OBEDIENCE IS MANDATORY

**Read John 14:15-21**

- ▶ These verses teach us that if we love God we will...
- ▶ How is the Holy Spirit described in these verses?
- ▶ In verse 21, what does God promise He will do if we walk well with Him?