

# You Can Hear the Voice of God

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# Chapter 1

## God Knows Every Minute Detail about You

Both the Old Testament and New Testament contain many stories of God speaking to people. God talked to Abraham, Moses, David, Noah and many other people. God did not speak only to these leaders. The Bible contains other stories of God speaking to people who were not leaders. God is the same now as He was then. He has not stopped speaking to people. "...I am the Lord, I do not change..." (Malachi 3:6 AMP)

If God spoke to these people, you can be certain that He will speak to you today. "...God shows no partiality and is no respecter of persons" (Acts 10:34 AMP)

Some people believe that God is too busy dealing with important matters to be able to talk to them. They do not understand that God is omnipresent. He is able to talk to billions of people throughout the world at the same time. "One God and Father of [us] all, Who is above all [Sovereign over all], pervading all and [living] in [us] all." (Ephesians 4:6 AMP)

This verse of Scripture explains that God is the Father of every person who has received Jesus Christ as his or her Savior. God is seated on His throne in heaven where He is above all and sovereign over all. You also are told that God pervades all. The word "pervade" means to be spread out. God can be in an infinite

number of places at the same time. In addition to being in heaven, God is spread out all over the world. He lives in the heart of every person who has received Jesus Christ as his or her Savior.

Latest estimates state that the population of the world is slightly over seven billion people. Because God is omnipresent, He can talk to billions of people at the same time. Do not attempt to bring God down to the limitations of your human understanding. God is fully able to communicate with every person in the world in whatever language or dialect they speak. “Who among the gods is like you, Lord? Who is like you – majestic in holiness, awesome in glory, working wonders?” (Exodus 15:11 NIV)

God is mighty, awesome and majestic. Nothing is too difficult for Him. “Alas, Lord God! Behold, You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and by Your outstretched arm! There is nothing too hard or too wonderful for You” (Jeremiah 32:17 AMP)

The same God Who created heaven and earth and every person on earth is ready, willing and able to speak continually to *you*. “...He Who forms the mountains and creates the wind and declares to man what is his thought...” (Amos 4:13 AMP)

The same God Who creates mountains and causes the wind to blow knows exactly what you are thinking. God knows every minute detail about you. The psalmist David said “O Lord, you have searched me [thoroughly] and have known me. You know my down sitting and my uprising; You understand my thought afar off. You sift and search out my path and my lying down, and You are acquainted with all my ways. For there is not a word in my tongue [still unuttered], but, behold, O Lord, You know it altogether.” (Psalm 139:1-4 AMP)

David understood that God knew when he sat down and when he stood up. David knew that God understood exactly what he was thinking and that He knew every word he was about to say before he spoke. “...not a creature exists that is concealed from His sight, but all things are open and exposed, naked and defense-

less to the eyes of Him with Whom we have to do.” (Hebrews 4:13 AMP)

This verse explains that God knows *everything* about every person on earth. You can be certain that the same Almighty God Who created you knows about every minute detail of your life. God is fully able to speak to you many times each day to give you specific personal advice that you require in your life.

God actually knows every hair on the head of every one of the billions of people on earth (see Matthew 10:30). God loves you with incredible unconditional love. If Jesus Christ is your Savior, God is speaking to you today to guide you, help you and to teach you whatever you need to know. Do not block yourself from hearing God’s voice by thinking that He is too busy to speak to you or that He does not care about what is important to you.

You are a unique person. The fingerprints of every person on earth are different from the fingerprints of every other person. Every person has a different DNA. Your Father will say things to you throughout every day of your life that He does not say to anyone else. He has unique individual messages for each and every one of His beloved children.

The psalmist was in awe that the God of the universe actually desires a close and intimate relationship with every person on earth. He said, “When I view and consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have ordained and established, what is man that You are mindful of him, and the son of [earthborn] man that You care for him?” (Psalm 8:3-4 AMP)

The psalmist wondered why God Who created heaven and earth, the moon, the stars and every other planet and galaxy also cares about the intimate details of the lives of billions of human beings. As we study more and more Scripture in this book, you will see that God really does speak to *you* continually. God knows all about your faults and shortcomings. He loves you unconditionally regardless of any shortcomings that you may have.

Do not block yourself from hearing God speaking because you think you are not worthy of hearing His voice. This belief is correct. *No one* is worthy of hearing God's voice. However, if Jesus Christ is your Savior, Jesus has paid the full price to enable you to hear God speaking to you.

In this first chapter we have established a foundation to show you that the same God Who spoke to people in the Bible speaks to you today. We have explained that God is omnipresent. He lives in your heart if Jesus Christ is your Savior. He is with you throughout every day of your life.

The same God Who spoke to people in the Bible is speaking to you today. There is no question that God is speaking to you. *Will you* learn how to hear His voice?

In subsequent chapters we will explain in more detail that God does speak to people continually. We will devote the remainder of this book to show you exactly what God instructs you to do so that you will be able to hear what He is saying to you.

OF GOD. Twelve Scripture references on the presence of God are included. Each reference is accompanied by a simple and easy-to-understand explanation.

We now are ready to study several verses of Scripture that explain the relationship between being quiet and calm deep down inside of yourself and hearing the voice of God. God speaks clearly to His children who are calm and quiet regardless of any adversity they face because they trust Him completely. If you have an agitated mind for any reason, this tension will block you from hearing God's voice.

Some Christians are too active in the world. They go here. They go there. They do this. They do that. They cannot hear what God is saying to them. "...his mind takes no rest even at night. This is also vanity (emptiness, falsity, and futility)!" (Ecclesiastes 2:23 AMP)

Christians who hear God speaking to them do not allow circumstances in the world to dominate their lives. They live their

lives from the inside out, not from the outside in. In Chapter 14 you learned that God usually speaks to His children in a still, small voice. You can only hear God's still, small voice to the degree that you are quiet and calm within yourself.

You cannot force yourself to be quiet and calm. The only way that you can be calm and quiet within yourself is to program yourself with God's Word by obeying God's instructions to meditate day and night on His Word.

If you truly have a deep and sincere desire to hear God speaking to you, you should carefully study and meditate on the following verses of Scripture. These verses explain how to be quiet and calm within yourself. Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you; My [own] peace I now give and bequeath to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. [Stop allowing yourselves to be agitated and disturbed; and do not permit yourselves to be fearful and intimidated and cowardly and unsettled.]" (John 14:27 AMP)

Jesus was speaking to His disciples when He spoke these words. This promise also applies to your life today. If Jesus is your Savior, you can be certain that He has given *you* His supernatural peace.

The amplification says that you should not *allow* yourself to be agitated. Do not *permit* yourself to be afraid. *You decide* if you will be at peace inside of yourself because you are receiving the supernatural peace that Jesus has given to you. Obey the advice that the apostle Paul gave to the Thessalonians when he said, "...we beg you, brethren, not to allow your minds to be quickly unsettled or disturbed or kept excited or alarmed..." (II Thessalonians 2:1-2 AMP)

If you are focusing continually on God and meditating day and night on the magnificent promises in His Word, you will not *allow* yourself to be agitated by the circumstances that you face. You will be quiet and calm. God said, "...be still, and know (recognize and understand) that I am God..." (Psalm 46:10 AMP)

Whenever you are faced with a difficult problem, we recommend that you open your mouth and say repeatedly, “Be still .... Be still ... Be still ... Be still ... Be still ...” Speak God’s Word. Repeatedly say and do what God instructs you to say and do.

Your Father instructs you to be still because you *know* that He is Almighty God and because you have absolute faith that He is in complete control of every circumstance. Do not allow adversity to block you from hearing God’s voice. “...be calm and cool and steady, accept and suffer unflinchingly every hardship” (II Timothy 4:5 AMP)

Please note the word “every” in this verse. Your Father wants you to be calm and quiet inside of yourself *whenever* you face adversity. He does not want you to flinch or draw back. He wants you to face all adversity with quiet confidence in Him because you know that He is with you and because you trust Him completely. “...in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength.” (Isaiah 30:15 KJV)

You hear God’s voice and you receive God’s strength to the degree that you are quiet and calm inside of yourself because you trust God. You will block yourself from receiving God’s supernatural strength and from hearing God’s voice if you allow yourself to be worried, fearful and agitated because of the circumstances you face.

The strength of God is released in you, to you and through you when you are calm, quiet and confident in the face of adversity. “You will guard him and keep him in perfect and constant peace whose mind [both its inclination and its character] is stayed on You, because he commits himself to You, leans on You, and hopes confidently in You.” (Isaiah 26:3 AMP)

Your Father promises that He will protect you and keep you in perfect peace at all times if your mind is *focused* on Him continually and if you *trust* Him completely. Christians who consistently hear God speaking to them are focused on Him. They trust God completely.

Does your mind focus continually on God? Does every aspect of your life revolve around your absolute certainty that God lives inside of you and that He will help you (see Psalm 1:21, Isaiah 41:13, Hebrews 2:18, 4:16, and 13:6)? Your answer to these two questions will clearly determine whether you will hear God speaking to you.

If you would like detailed scriptural instruction on how to be calm and quiet within yourself, we have written several publications that will help you. We recommend our books titled *Quiet Confidence in the Lord* and *Exchange Your Worries for God's Perfect Peace*. We also recommend our Scripture Meditation Cards that are titled *Enjoy God's Wonderful Peace* and *Freedom from Worry and Fear* and the CDs that go with each set of these Scripture cards.