



Hearing God

1. Revelation of Righteousness

2 Corinthians 5:21

God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Praise God, we have become the righteousness of God in Christ! This means we have been made righteous – as righteous as Christ. When we realize this in our spirit, it becomes *revelation knowledge*.

We can know in our spirit that despite our failings and doubts, we are righteous, clean and pure in God's eyes. Free forever from guilt and self-condemnation. Even though we might fail again, it will never change our identity in Christ. We can now stand in the presence of God as His child, free from guilt, condemnation and accusation.

Romans 5:17

For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ!

We receive God's abundant provision of grace and the gift of righteousness through faith in Jesus Christ. It empowers us to live and reign in life above sin, doubt, guilt and fear.

This righteousness gives us the right to stand and live in the presence of God. It gives us the authority to stand in the presence of sickness, corruption and the works of the devil without fear.

Romans 8:16

The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.



Holy Spirit in us will bear witness with our spirit that we are the children of God. This spiritual witness is about ALL things we have in Christ. Our spirit bearing witness with the Holy Spirit is called revelation knowledge or hearing God or seeing with our spiritual eyes.

We know faith comes by hearing ("revelation"). This is not just hearing with our ears but hearing with our spirit, but when we receive God's promises in our spirit, it becomes revelation knowledge.

When the Holy Spirit bears witness with our spirit, knowledge is transformed into revelation, hope transformed into faith, and the impossible becomes possible.



2. You Can Hear God

Psalms 85:8

I will listen to what God the Lord says, he promises peace to his people, his faithful servants— but let them not turn to folly.

Genesis 3:8

Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the Lord God among the trees of the garden.

We were created to hear God. After Adam sinned, he was still able to hear the voice of God. Intimate communion was lost, but the ability to hear God was not lost.

There are two kinds of scriptural revelation - general and specific.

General Revelation

General revelation is the realization that God exist. It is for all mankind and can be seen in His creation.

Psalms 19:1-4

¹The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

²Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge.

³They have no speech, they use no words; no sound is heard from them. ⁴Yet their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world. In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the sun.

God's grace gives every man the chance to hear Him and to know that He exist. All of creation testifies there is a Creator.

But some choose to live for the flesh and do not choose to seek God.

Romans 1:21

For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile, and their foolish hearts were darkened.

Jesus had the same problem with the Jews of His time. They had the Scriptures, but they sought to follow the rules rather than a relationship with God.

Matthew 13:15

For this people's heart has become calloused; they hardly hear with their ears, and they have closed their eyes. Otherwise, they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts and turn, and I would heal them.



They had closed their eyes and allowed their ears to become dull. God had not stopped talking. They were created to hear Him and to live by every word from His mouth.

Matthew 4:4

Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'

Specific Revelation

Specific revelation is direct communication of God to our spirit.

God desires to communicate with us through creation, His written Word, prophets, preachers, and the circumstances of life.

But there is a deeper dimension of "hearing" available to us as believers.

1 Corinthians 2:10-12

¹⁰. . . The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. ¹¹For who knows a person's thoughts except their own spirit within them? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. ¹²What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us.

All men are spiritual beings created with the capacity to "hear" Him. This includes the lost and the fallen. When the spirit of a man is born again, it comes into union with God. The Spirit of God can communicate with the spirit of a man even though that man is lost.

God wants to communicate with us! He wants to show us everything we have through Christ! He wants to bring us out of despair, discouragement, fear, sickness, and poverty into the abundant life. God wants to give us wisdom, prepare us, warn us, and deliver us.

So, why are we not hearing?

1 Corinthians 2:14

The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit.

Unfortunately, many of us are born again but do not give time to the things of God. The cares of the world have choked the Word causing us to live as natural man not spiritual.



The blind and deaf have a disadvantage in the natural world. They do not see or hear normally in this world. Choosing to not listen to God and to live on the natural level is just the same.

We can adjust. We can live in communion with God and His abundance, favor, blessing, wisdom and instruction.



3. Revelation of Jesus Christ

Matthew 16:15-17

¹⁵ "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" ¹⁶Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven."

God the Father in heaven revealed the true identity of Jesus to Peter. Something guickened Peter's spirit that nothing could change.

We must first have a spiritual knowledge of the identity of Jesus before we can receive other revelations.

After His resurrection, Jesus walked with two disciples down a road and joined them in a discussion about recent events. The two disciples did not recognize Him. Later they sat down for a meal.

Luke 24:30-32

³⁰When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. ³¹Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. ³²They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?"

At some point the disciples' eyes were opened and they realized that this was Jesus. They also remembered this His sharing of scripture caused their hearts to burn within them.

Revelation knowledge can be described as the opening of our spiritual eyes to see or the opening of our spiritual ears to hear and understand spiritual truths.

Luke 4:18

The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, . . .

Of course, Jesus came to restore physical sight, but He also came to restore spiritual sight (revelation knowledge) to us who have been in darkness.

When Jesus called Paul, He told Paul the purpose of his ministry.

Acts 26:18

to open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.



This opening of eyes is "revelation knowledge" or "the Spirit bearing witness with our spirit."

Authority comes from Revelation Knowledge

This revelation knowledge of Jesus to our spirit gives authority to our lives. We were created to receive from God on a spiritual level.

This revelation knowledge and the truths of God become the foundation on which we build the rest of our lives. These revelations cannot be shaken and there is a spiritual authority that comes with it that gives us power in this life.

Jeremiah 33:6

". . . I . . . will reveal unto them the abundance of peace and truth."



4. Revelation of God's Love

All of us have been rejected. It can be a powerful weapon against our self-worth. Rejection can bring unbelief and doubt.

Seeds of rejection can produce a harvest of failure. When we identify ourselves with rejection, we start setting our expectations accordingly.

We can carry this attitude into our relationship with other and with God. We start asking ourselves "Why should I expect anything good from Him?"

Ephesians 1:3-6 (KJV)

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: ⁴according as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: ⁵having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶to the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.

Paul writes that God has (v3) blessed us, (v4) chosen us to be without blame before Him in love, (v5) predestined us to be children in His family, and (v6) accepted in the beloved.

Can you see yourself acceptable to God? Surrounded with favor and blessings?

We receive the first revelation of God's love at salvation. Then the revelation of righteousness brings about our identity in Christ.

But do we realize God's love for us and His infinite desire to see us prosper on every level of life – sprit, soul and body?

We are God's favorite. He loves us. We can believe God likes us. We can know we are the object of His love. God sent Jesus to die for us alone. Just so He could redeem us.

How would we live our lives if we knew we were the only object of God's love and grace? If we knew all His power was at our disposal? If we knew He has given us the keys of the Kingdom and every good gift? If we knew all the angels of heaven exist to minister for us?

Our attitude toward ourselves and life should change. Our vision for life would be different. The way we treat others would change. It would reflect the love we have received. Our words would change. We would think and speak differently.

His compassion would be our compassion.

His mercy would be our mercy.

His heart for others would be our heart for others.



There would be no fear because it would have been replaced with absolute confidence in our Father's love.

It is true!

Zephanian 3:17

The Lord your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves. He will take great delight in you; in his love he will no longer rebuke you, but will rejoice over you with singing."

Before you were ever conceived, God knew you and chose to love and accept you. You are unique. We have divine purpose in this world. We are accepted.

When we know there is no chance of rejection, we can believe the promises, enjoy His fellowship, see our potential and have peace.

Only the Holy Spirit of God can reveal this to you.

Paul prayed the following:

Ephesians 3:17-19 (KJV)

vith all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; ¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.

How can you know something that passes knowledge? Revelation knowledge!

How can you be "filled with all the fulness of God?" Only if God lives in us. Christ lives in us. The Holy Spirit lives in us. Their riches are unsearchable, their love past knowing and their fullness is incomprehensible to our minds.

This is the gospel message. That God wants to live in you and bless you. On this "rock" of revelation, God will build His life in us, and nothing will prevail against it.

Jeremiah 31:3

The Lord appeared to us in the past, saying: "I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with unfailing kindness.



5. Revelation of Protection

Sometimes, we are in a situation where we feel under attack? Panic and fear seem to take us over.

A scripture quickened to our spirit at the exact time can change our destiny. During these times the Word can be quickened to our spirits to protect us, deliver us, give us wisdom, direction, authority and faith.

Psalm 31:21

Praise be to the Lord, for he showed me the wonders of his love when I was in a city under siege.

Revelation knowledge not only deals with doctrinal truths but can also cover the daily affairs of life. We need to be continually quickened by God's Word.

Psalm 91

¹Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. ²I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust." 3Surely he will save you from the fowler's snare and from the deadly pestilence. ⁴He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart. 5You will not fear the terror of night, nor the arrow that flies by day, ⁶nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness<mark>, nor the plague</mark> that destroys at midday. ⁷A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you. 8You will only observe with your eyes and see the punishment of the wicked. 9If you say, "The Lord is my refuge," and you make the Most High your dwelling, ¹⁰no harm will overtake you, no disaster will come near your tent. 11 For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways; 12they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone. ¹³You will tread on the lion and the cobra; you will trample the great lion and the serpent. 14"Because he loves me," says the Lord, "I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name. 15He will call on me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him. 16With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation."

Paul was in a place of prayer when he received a warning from God.

Acts 22:17-18

¹⁷"When I returned to Jerusalem and was praying at the temple, I fell into a trance ¹⁸ and saw the Lord speaking to me. 'Quick!' he said. 'Leave Jerusalem immediately, because the people here will not accept your testimony about me.'

What if Paul had not been in a time of prayer? How would things have been different for him. Is it possible to miss God?

God wants to reveal things to us. He wants to show us things to come.



John 16:13

But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.

The Holy Spirit will bear witness with our spirit to teach us, warn us, comfort us, direct us, correct us and deliver us.

But we must be sensitive to Him.

Isaiah 55:3

Give ear and come to me; listen, that you may live. I will make an everlasting covenant with you, my faithful love promised to David.

We need to be listening for the Holy Spirit trying to impart God's Word to us.

Psalm 119:170

May my supplication come before you; deliver me according to your promise.



6. Revelation of Knowledge

One role of the Holy Spirit is that we might have a deeper spiritual knowledge about the things God has freely given to us. They can be revealed to us, and we can understand them.

1 Corinthians 2:12

What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us.

Revelation knowledge is foundational to faith and victory in the Christian life.

We usually live by natural knowledge. Even Bible knowledge can be accumulated with no real impact. We know what we believe with our minds, but often what we believe does not manifest the way we think that it should.

But Paul mentions other levels of understanding.

1 Corinthians 14:6 (KJV)

Now, brethren, if I come unto you speaking with tongues, what shall I profit you, except I shall speak to you either by revelation, or by knowledge, or by prophesying, or by doctrine?

These levels include:

- Doctrine something that can be learned
- Prophecy words that can inspire/edify/exhort/comfort
- Knowledge something that can be known enough to teach others
- Revelation that which transforms us.

Doctrine and knowledge may not produce the change that is needed. Paul learned the gospel by revelation not by men.

Galatians 1:12

I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it; rather, I received it by revelation from Jesus Christ.

The Holy Spirit revealed the things of God to the spirit of Paul.

1 Corinthians 6:17

But whoever is united with the Lord is one with him in spirit.

It is not easy to explain how the Holy Spirit quickens our spirit to the realities of who we are in God.

Revelation knowledge is spiritual in nature. We know it when we know it. It supersedes our intellect and emotions into the realm of spiritual vision and understanding.



2 Corinthians 4:18

So, we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

Revelation knowledge transcends human intellect and the tangible and visual world. It is the origin of true faith.

How do we receive revelation knowledge?

Paul prayed for the Ephesians that God would give them a spirit of revelation. We should pray the same way.

Ephesians 1:17-18 (KJV)

¹⁷that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: ¹⁸the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling

This revelation and enlightenment are not automatic the moment we receive salvation. All believers do not walk in the same realm of peace, love and victory.

This revelation knowledge takes us into a different level of understanding of His power toward us who believe. Many are born again and baptized in the Spirit but still lack power in their lives. Revelation knowledge has yet to be quickened to their spirit. The eyes of their understanding have yet to be enlightened.

Revelation knowledge comes as we create the right environment for it by spending time in the Word and in prayer, praise and meditation.

As we receive revelation knowledge, we will:

- See healing
- See our authority
- Hear the Holy Spirit

When we speak to our bodies, it will be a powerful agreement with what we have received by revelation. The doctrine of "healing" can be taught, but the revelation of "healing" is released through faith-filled words that have been quickened to us by the Holy Spirit.

Only by revelation knowledge can we truly know the nature of God within us.

Colossians 1:9 (KJV)

For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;



7. Revelation of Healing

God does not test us with illness. Sickness is never His will.

The scriptures are clear about God's will concerning healing.

Luke 5:15

Yet the news about him spread all the more, so that crowds of people came to hear him and to be healed of their sicknesses.

1 Peter 2:24 (KJV)

who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.

Isaiah 53:5 (KJV)

But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

These scriptures have always been in the Bible. But sometimes we are not living in such a way to hear God. We should live by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.

Revelation of a known truth can bring faith and healing. Knowing scripture and knowing it well enough to teach it is not enough. Truth is spiritual. It must be quickened in our spirit for faith to be born and for changes to occur.

We need to learn to "hear" and "see" with spiritual ears and eyes.

Matthew 13:15

For this people's heart has become calloused; they hardly hear with their ears, and they have closed their eyes. Otherwise, they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts and turn, and I would heal them.

Jesus explains exactly why some do not receive healing. It is a heart issue. The heart has become consumed with the worries of life. Spiritual ears are dull and spiritual vision is clouded. A heart out of tune with the Spirit of God will have difficulty in hearing and so faith will be blocked.

It is the fruit of hearing God that heals us and relieves suffering. It is from our times of communion with the Father that His Word is guickened to our spirits.

Blind Bartimaeus had a revelation of Jesus' identity:

Mark 10:47

When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"



Centurion had a revelation of Jesus' authority:

Matthew 8:8-9

⁸The centurion replied, "Lord, I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. But just say the word, and my servant will be healed. ⁹For I myself am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. I tell this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and that one, 'Come,' and he comes. I say to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it."

Man on the stretcher had a revelation of the power of Jesus' presence:

Luke 5:20

When Jesus saw their faith, he said, "Friend, your sins are forgiven."

The man on the stretcher and his friends had a revelation of healing.

Two blind men had a revelation of His mercy and compassion:

Matthew 20:30-34

³⁰Two blind men were sitting by the roadside, and when they heard that Jesus was going by, they shouted, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us!"

³¹The crowd rebuked them and told them to be quiet, but they shouted all the louder, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us!"

³²Jesus stopped and called them. "What do you want me to do for you?" he asked. ³³"Lord," they answered, "we want our sight."

³⁴Jesus had compassion on them and touched their eyes. Immediately they received their sight and followed him.

Woman with issue of blood had a revelation of Jesus' anointing:

Mark 5:27-28

²⁷When she heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, ²⁸because she thought, "If I just touch his clothes, I will be healed."

In each of these cases, people were motivated by a revelation of the promises of God. Their hearts were not hardened, and their ears were not dull. They heard the Holy Spirit, and faith was born in their hearts and actions followed.

People at this time did not have a close relationship with God. But when they approached Jesus with faith in their hearts, they were healed.

Luke 6:17 (KJV)

And he came down with them, and stood in the plain, and the company of his disciples, and a great multitude of people out of all Judea and Jerusalem, and from the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, which came to hear him, and to be healed of their diseases.



8. His Sheep Hear His Voice

Our relationship with God comes from the time we spend in communion with God. This was foundational for Jesus' ministry.

Mark 1:35

Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed.

Is it a surprise that Jesus prayed to God? Did He need to pray in order to hear the Father? Did He need solitary moments to hear God and receive revelation?

John 5:19-20

¹⁹Jesus gave them this answer: "Very truly I tell you, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does. ²⁰For the Father loves the Son and shows him all he does. Yes, and he will show him even greater works than these, so that you will be amazed.

Jesus found direction, vision and faith in His times of communion and prayer with the Father.

John 15:5

I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

We can be limited in our relationship with Him if we do not remain in Him.

His sheep will hear his voice.

John 10:27 (KJV)

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

This is revelation hearing. This is the Holy Spirit bearing witness with our spirit.

Spiritual understanding and the faith to receive God's promises starts with the quickening of the Word to our inner man.

Knowing the Word of God, its context, history and message is foundational for revelation knowledge and hearing Him accurately.

Paul prayed for believers to expect God to speak to us. There will be a spiritual witness or quickening that will occur as we spend time in His Word.



Ephesians 1:17-18 (KJV)

¹⁷that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: ¹⁸the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,

The Holy Spirit will speak to us in the areas of revelation, wisdom and enlightened understanding.

Romans 10:17 (KJV)

So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Faith will be born in us when we hear (revelation hearing) God. Faith cannot then be separated from the Word being quickened in our spirit. This hearing is spiritual in nature.

People can hear God's Word with their ears, some can hear with their minds, but it is our spirit that must hear Him. This is what brings faith.

Colossians 1:9-10

⁹For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, ¹⁰so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God,

When God speaks there will be vision, direction and energy. Hearing from God is the key to following Him and following Him is the key to fulfilling your purpose and destiny.



9. Revelation of the Future

Is it possible for us to know the future?

John 16:13 (NKJV)

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.

Faith is the evidence of things not seen. Faith is to see the unseen before it comes about. The Holy Spirit can reveal future events, and that revelation will create faith in our hearts.

Hebrews 11:7

By faith Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark to save his family. By his faith he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness that is in keeping with faith.

Noah became aware of future events even though he did not understand them.

Hebrews 11:8

By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going.

God called Abraham to a new country. He did not understand the details, but he knew God was blessing him.

Hebrews 11:27

By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the king's anger; he persevered because he saw him who is invisible.

Moses heard God, which brought faith to his heart, and he left Egypt for the unknown.

Even though the future is not revealed in detail, knowing that God has spoken to us gives birth to faith in our hearts. It brings excitement and energy to our lives.

When the Holy Spirit bears witness with our spirit, faith is born, vision is created, energy is released, and provision is received.

The Holy Spirit is longing to show us things to come. Revelation from God is the key to direction, authority, faith, healing, warnings and safety. When we focus on other things, we can miss the Holy Spirit.



Acts 8:29

The Spirit told Philip, "Go to that chariot and stay near it."

Philip listened to the Holy Spirit, obeyed, and brought a high official of the Ethiopian government to salvation faith in Jesus Christ. This event had an impact on the nation of Ethiopia.

Acts 10:19

While Peter was still thinking about the vision, the Spirit said to him, "Simon, three men are looking for you.

The spirit told Peter about a specific event in the immediate future. That there were three men looking for him.

Acts 11:12

The Spirit told me to have no hesitation about going with them. These six brothers also went with me, and we entered the man's house.

The spirit also told Peter he could confidently go with these three Gentiles. Peter being a Jew would not want to be seen with a Gentile. But he obeyed.

What if Peter had not been in meditation with Jesus and God?

Acts 11:28

One of them, named Agabus, stood up and through the Spirit predicted that a severe famine would spread over the entire Roman world. (This happened during the reign of Claudius.)

The Holy Spirit, through Agabus, discloses a future worldwide event.

Acts 13:2

While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them."

The Holy Spirit had already called Paul and Barnabas to this work years before. Now the Holy Spirit was sending them out ("Set apart"). Paul and Barnabas were just waiting for God's timing.

Acts 16:7

When they came to the border of Mysia, they tried to enter Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus would not allow them to.

The Holy Spirit redirected Paul and Barnabas from a path they wanted to take. We all need to listen to the Spirit for this type of revelation.



It is easy for us to focus on the present and the near future. But when a storm arises on the scene, we wonder how to make it through.

These two verses address the key to overcoming obstacles and having peace during the challenges of life.

Hebrews 11:27

By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible.

Moses endured by seeing Him who was invisible. Our natural eyes can only see the visible, but our spiritual eyes can see the invisible world of the Holy Spirit. Seeing the invisible is our key to overcoming the visible.

Hebrews 11:1

Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.

We sometimes get consumed with things of this world and do not stop to look into the future to Him who is unseen. But when we see the future with our spiritual eyes, we know that faith has come, and we will be victorious.

We need to look to the revelation that comes from communion with God in the Word and in the Holy Spirit.

Psalm 119:50 (KJV)

This is my comfort in my affliction: For thy word hath quickened me.



10. Revelation of Words

Creative words exist in the world of the Spirit, and they are available to us. His Word is alive and active and waiting to be spoken.

Isaiah 55:11 (NKJV)

So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.

God's words accomplish God's purpose. God created all things by speaking. He called those things which were not as though they were.

Every word God has spoken has an eternal purpose. God's Word cannot fail. It lives and abides forever.

Speaking God's words is how God designed creation to be governed.

How did Jesus describe this?

Matthew 12:34-35 (NKJV)

³⁴. . . For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. ³⁵A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good things . . .

Just as God brought forth what was in His heart, Jesus declares that out of our hearts we bring forth good things.

We are called to live by those words, let them fill our hearts, and then bring them into being by speaking.

Mark 11:23

"Truly I tell you, if anyone says to this mountain, 'Go, throw yourself into the sea,' and does not doubt in their heart but believes that what they say will happen, it will be done for them.'"

If your heart is filled with the abundance of God's heart, then you can have what you say.

When His Word is in our hearts, and those words have been quickened to our spirits, then the spirit of faith will speak.

2 Corinthians 4:13

. . . Since we have that same spirit of faith, we also believe and therefore speak,

Can the mountains in our lives be removed?



If we are speaking forth His revealed Word from the abundance of our hearts, then yes, we can speak the revealed Word to our mountain, and it will be moved.

Jeremiah 23:29

"Is not my word like fire," declares the Lord, "and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

Jesus healed all who were oppressed with sickness.

Psalm 107:20

He sent out his word and healed them; he rescued them from the grave.

He sent His WORD and healed us.

God's words are alive, eternal and ready to be spoken. If they are in our hearts, then we need to give them an assignment by speaking.

Proverbs 18:20 (KJV)

A man's belly shall be satisfied with the fruit of his mouth; And with the increase of his lips shall he be filled.

Can we be satisfied and see an increase by speaking?

We should begin speaking words that have been quickened to us by the Holy Spirit. These include life, health, prosperity, blessing, favor and purpose.

As we begin to speak these words, we will come to know that God Almighty lives in us. His words are alive and active in us. Ready to be assigned.

2 Corinthians 1:20

For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us.

His promises are words. They are all YES and amen to the glory of God. We are to believe with our hearts and confess with our mouths.



11. He Will Guide You in All Truth

How can we come to a place of "hearing" with our hearts? Unable to "hear" is a heart issue. It is a sin issue. Sin distracts us, hardens our hearts and dulls our hearing.

James 4:8

Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

As we draw near to God with our hearts, He will draw near to us. We can get rid of double-mindedness and become focused as we repent of sin and purify our hearts.

Jeremiah 29:13

You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.

So, how will the Holy Spirit speak to us?

He will always confirm and reveal the Word of God. Our hearts must be focused on Him rather than circumstances and emotions. Truth is not relative to our culture or political correctness. Truth is not based on what a doctor, politician or lawyer says.

Truth is spiritual. The Holy Spirit is called the Spirit of Truth.

John 16:13

But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will quide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.

The Spirit of Truth lives within us for the purpose of knowing Him.

Ephesians 1:18

I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people,

That we may know His calling in our lives and our great value to Him. This revelation knowledge comes from the Holy Spirit. This is the truth that will set vou free.

How can we receive this revelation of truth? Only through the right environment can we hear Him.



1 Corinthians 2:9-10 (KJV)

⁹But 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.

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

Your inheritance exists in your re-born spirit. It is the Holy Spirit that searches out the deep things of God and reveals them to us.

Some revelations are understood immediately, and others may take time. As we walk in the light, more light comes.

Romans 16:25-26 (NKJV)

²⁵Now to Him who is able to establish you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery kept secret since the world began ²⁶but now made manifest, and by the prophetic Scriptures made known to all nations.

Revelation knowledge is the quickening work of the Holy Spirit by the Word to the heart of man so that we might know all that God has prepared for us.

This is the Holy Spirit bearing witness with our spirit. The Holy Spirit is true to the Word of God.

Ephesians 6:17

Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.



12. Stirring of Your Spirit

How can we be prepared for the storms of life that come our way? There are times in our lives when we cannot hear a word from God. As we are continually filled with the Holy Spirit, our spirit is stirred when we hear the word of man.

Faith was born at hearing a negative report. Faith was not born from the negative report, but the negative report causes our spirit to be stirred within and respond with God's word.

Acts 17:16 (KJV)

Now while Paul waited for them at Athens, his spirit was stirred in him, when he saw the city wholly given to idolatry.

Jesus responded to negative news about the daughter of Jairus. The Spirit responded within Him when He overheard what they were saying.

Mark 5:35-36

³⁵While Jesus was still speaking, some people came from the house of Jairus, the synagogue leader. "Your daughter is dead," they said. "Why bother the teacher anymore?" ³⁶Overhearing</sup> what they said, Jesus told him, "Don't be afraid; just believe."

Do not let the fear express itself in words, but let the Word crush the fear!

All we need is the revelation of our identity, authority and God's purpose for our lives to combat a negative report.

God is for us not against us. The only way to respond in faith to a negative report is to know God's Word, His promises and His nature.

As we know the voice of God and have a revelation of His truth, we will recognize the voice of a stranger. A stranger will attempt to sow fear, destroy faith and bring your focus off God and onto our own strength and resources.

If we know the voice of God, the stranger's voice will stir our spirit to lay hold of God's promises. Faith will come alive as a reaction to a negative report.

The biggest problem with hearing God's voice, is not renewing our minds. If we are filled with trivia, the news, the fears and stresses of the world, how can we respond to a negative report with faith.

Many of us have no control over our thoughts. We have trouble hearing from God or having a clear direction for our lives. What does a renewed mind mean for us?



Romans 12:2 (KJV)

And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

We are transformed by the renewing of our minds. It impowers us to tap into the good, acceptable and perfect will of God.

The voice of God is filtered through what is in our minds. Sometimes we are so full of junk, we cannot hear God. Sometimes we hear Him but misunderstand His leading due to the junk we have allowed to remain.

Purging our minds of the junk thoughts is crucial to being ready to hear Him and discover His perfect will for our lives.

If our heart and mind are filled with the promises of God and a revelation of our inheritance in Christ, then a negative report will only stir our spirit to resist the enemy and receive God's provision and victory.



13. The Secret Place

We must make time for God. Create a place to hear God.

Matthew 4:4

Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'

Man was created to hear God. He alone is the source of life, light and purpose. Anything we do apart from God is not true living.

Our bodies feed on food. Our minds feed on information. Our souls feed on emotions, events and relationships. But our spirits must feed on the Word of God.

Jeremiah 15:16

When your words came, I ate them; they were my joy and my heart's delight, for I bear your name, Lord God Almighty.

We are all created as spiritual beings. We were created to live by and feed on the Word of God. Even though we must live in this world, it cannot become the source of our lives. Only His words can give us the strength and wisdom to live above this world.

A spirit that feeds on God's words will produce life and peace. This happens in the secret place.

Psalms 91:1 (KJV)

He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

So, how do we create this secret place? It is not a place but an attitude. The secret place with God is our hearts.

To hear God, His Word must be alive in our hearts. A hardened heart is slow to hear or will miss the quickening of Spirit.

John 15:4-5

⁴Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. ⁵ "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

Spiritual food is abiding in Him. As a branch needs nourishment from the vine, our spirits need the food of God's Word, which is Spirit. We must not only renew our minds to the knowledge of God, but also spend time with Him in communion. Otherwise, our faith will be mental not spiritual.



Our born-again spirit is complete and lacks nothing. But we can also live a life separated from God. We need to be nurtured through continual communion with God through the Word by hearing God.

Ephesians 4:14-15

¹⁴Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. ¹⁵Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ.

Hearing God means recognizing the Word of God is His truth. His Word sets us apart for His purpose. His words are Spirit.

1 Corinthians 2:12

What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us.

What we have received includes healing, authority, joy, peace, provision, protection, deliverance, vision and purpose. These things are revealed to us by the Holy Spirit and the Word.

Psalm 77:12

I will consider all your works and meditate on all your mighty deeds.

What does it mean to meditate on God's Word? Meditate means to engage in reflection, to focus on our thoughts, to ponder over, to plan in the mind. What we focus on today is building our tomorrow.

We often meditate on things like perceived lack, frustrations, worries and negative words of others. We should meditate on the nature of God, the blessings of the covenant, the promises of God and His Word. It is while meditating on these things that out spirits will be quickened to his voice. There will be confirmation, direction, comfort and vision.

Matthew 6:21

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.



14. God Is Thinking About You

Jeremiah 29:11

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

God thinks about us with thoughts of peace and plans to prosper and plans to give us hope and a future.

God is thinking about deliverance, salvation, healing, prosperity and the abundant life. This is His nature.

We must understand God's heart before we can receive revelation knowledge of Him.

God's words are constant. His promises are "yes" and "amen".

2 Corinthians 1:20

For no matter how many promises God has made, they are "Yes" in Christ. And so through him the "Amen" is spoken by us to the glory of God.

Knowing this as a reality is foundational to learning how to receive revelation knowledge. God's thoughts about our future cannot be seen, but they are just as real as the sun setting each night.

Faith is embracing God's thoughts about our future right now. God is thinking about our health, our prosperity, our success, our peace, our joy and our divine purpose.

Sometimes we just need to tune to the correct frequency on the radio to hear Him. A key to this is to meditate on this scripture.

Philippians 4:8

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.

This is how God thinks about us, so this is how we should think. Taking out thoughts captive to these things will open our heart to receive revelation knowledge and to hear Him.



15. Receiving Revelation

Are we receiving an altered gospel? Is truth being mixed with untruth? If we are not in tune with the Holy Spirit, we might not notice that anything is wrong.

We need to understand the whole counsel of God. The wisdom of God is available to us but only through spiritual discernment.

1 Corinthians 2:14

The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit.

The Kingdom truths are in the scripture, but they are only revealed from the Holy Spirit to our spirit.

Romans 8:16

The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.

Even Jesus spoke to this issue.

Mark 4:11

He told them, "The secret of the kingdom of God has been given to you. But to those on the outside everything is said in parables

1 Corinthians 2:7

No, we declare God's wisdom, a mystery that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began.

There are things God wants to reveal His mysteries to us. This is His will, but if we are not ready to hear, we must live without them.

Our ability to learn directly from God was lost with Adam and Eve. We read our Bibles to learn about God, but only try to know Him and learn from Him. The Holy Spirit wants to lead us into all truth, but we must be willing to be led.

John 16:13

But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will quide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.

Just because the Holy Spirit lives within us does not mean that the mysteries of God and His promises will be real to us.



Everything Adam lost, has been restored through Christ. Spiritual revelation is possible now. Through Christ we are reconciled to God. We are again able to have communion with God. We can hear Him with our spirits.

God want to reveal to us the smallest details of life to the greatest things of the Kingdom. All these mysteries and truths exist in our recreated spirits.

They must be revealed to us before they can become real to us.

There are two keys to becoming sensitive to the Holy Spirit and revelation knowledge. They are:

- Appreciating, valuing and esteeming God's Word
- Praying in the Spirit

Proverbs 4:20

My son, pay attention to what I say; turn your ear to my words.

We were created to hear the Word, respond to the Word, feed on the Word, speak the Word and do the Word. As we spend time in the Word, expect the Holy Spirit to quicken truth to us.

The more time we spend praying in the Spirit, the more in tune we will be with the Holy Spirit.

1 Corinthians 14:2

For anyone who speaks in a tongue does not speak to people but to God. Indeed, no one understands them; they utter mysteries by the Spirit.

When we pray in the Spirit, we are speaking the mysteries of God. The more time we spend doing this, the more our spirit man will become sensitive and alive to those mysteries.



16. According to His Purpose

Can we know God's purpose and call for our lives? Have we been created with a purpose and a destiny?

The revelation of who we are in Christ should be followed by the revelation of what we are meant to do.

Acts 13:2

While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them."

Paul and Barnabas probably knew of the call but were now being sent to begin the work.

As we spend time in communion with the Holy Spirit, we will become more aware of the seasons in our lives, and we move from victory to victory.

Hearing from God is very important. The more time we spend with the Holy Spirit, the fewer mistakes we will make when being called and being sent.

Philippians 2:13

for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.

Romans 8:28

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

Are you called according to His purpose? Has something been birthed in your heart while in fellowship with God? God can cause the circumstances of life to work for your good.

Faith comes by hearing God. Do we have the faith to believe God for something He has quickened to our spirit, even though we have never heard God speak to us? If the faith is there, the hearing takes place. Everyone has been created for a purpose. Even Paul.

Acts 26:16 (KJV)

But rise, and stand upon thy feet: for I have appeared unto thee for this purpose, to make thee a minister and a witness both of these things which thou hast seen, and of those things in the which I will appear unto thee;

God has a purpose for us.

Do you expect to be led by the Holy Spirit?



We should expect to hear from God. It may come as an impression, or a verse that comes alive or an opportunity that ignites our passion.

Isaiah 55:3

Give ear and come to me; listen, that you may live.

WARNING

Do not get ahead of God. Do not mistake God's call for His sending.

Everything in the Kingdom begins with a seed. The seed is not the harvest. We might have a seed of revelation or of a new direction or of purpose, but we need to give it time to grow and mature. Not every leading of the Holy Spirit represents the fullness of what God is doing in our lives. Give every seed time to mature. We need to pray over the things we hear from the Holy Spirit.

James 1:4

Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

Fruit is brought forth with patience. God's direction is fine-tuned through patience. A farmer is patient after sowing seed to wait for the harvest.

The patient person will not be shaken during adverse circumstances. They have created an environment to hear God. They continue in faith and perseverance.

Hebrews 6:12 (KJV)

that ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

Hebrews 10:36 (KJV)

For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise.



17. Final Thoughts

We must first hear by the Word of God. Jesus said His words were spirit.

John 6:63

The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you—they are full of the Spirit and life.

The Holy Spirit is what quickens our spirit.

Romans 8:16

The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.

Every time His Word is quickened to our spirit, faith is born. When we see the unseen, faith is born. We can hear Him during prayer, reading, meditation and during simple things in life.

Creating an environment to hear Him is essential. This is daily seeking our focused heart with a hunger for His Word.

Proverb 8:34

Blessed are those who listen to me, watching daily at my doors, waiting at my doorway.

Without faith, it is impossible to please Him.

Hebrews 11:6

And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

No matter where we are today in our lives, we are only one word away from a new vision, energy, enthusiasm and faith. God wants to talk to us. Expect to hear Him.

Mark 7:16

If any man have ears to hear, let him hear.