

## **Instructional Guidelines and Reference Materials**

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1. God's Multi-Faceted Voice
2. Receiving Revelation
3. Turning Logos Into Rhema
4. The Voice Of The Lord
5. The Purpose Of Prophetic Gifting
6. Visionary Revelation
7. Visionary States From The Greek
8. Vision: The Power That Sustains
9. Dream Language
10. Dream Language II
11. Understanding Dreams & Visions
12. Tips For Interpretion
13. Journaling: A Tool Of Discerning God's Voice
14. Judging Revelation
15. Wisdom In Handling Revelation

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## **Acknowledgment and Debt of Gratitude**

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## Lesson One

# God's Multi-Faceted Voice

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### Introduction:

When Jesus was being tempted by the Devil after His forty day fast, Satan said to Him, *If you are the son of God, command that these stones become bread.* But Jesus answered and said, *It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.* (Recorded in Matt. 4:4, quoted from Deut. 8:3). The word "proceeds" used here is a continuous active verb. Jesus is stating that God's life-giving Word proceeds and continues to proceed. It is a "proceeding Word" that gives us life! God has spoken, God is speaking, and God will continue to guide His children by speaking to them.

God says that out of the mouth of two or three witnesses, every fact is to be confirmed (Deut. 19:15; Matt. 18:16; II Cor. 13:1). God wants us to hear His voice, discern it from other voices, and through the Spirit of wisdom and understanding to have the correct interpretation and application of His revelation to us.

In the following series of teachings on this subject of *Experiencing Dreams and Visions*, I wish to share with you principles I am learning and trust that the Holy Spirit will equip you to know the Lord better. God does not want us to know only the "historical Jesus" who came in the form of flesh and walked among men. But rather, God greatly yearns that we would know the living, resurrected Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit. That is what discerning God's voice is all about - hearing, knowing, and obeying the risen Lord! With these thoughts in mind, let's begin our journey in *Experiencing Dreams and Visions*

### I. GOD'S UNLIMITED WAYS WITH MAN

The following scriptural examples portray the diversity of tools the Holy Spirit has and will use to release the voice of God to man.

- A. **Psalm 29** - the voice of the Lord... water, thunder, powerful, breaks, majestic, flames of fire, shakes, reproductive, strips, etc.
- B. **Job 33:13-18** - God speaks once, twice... through a dream, vision.
- C. **Acts 10:9-16** - In a trance, Peter heard a voice say...

- D. **Rev. 5:11** - The voice of many rushing angels.  
**I Thess. 4:16** - The voice of the archangel.
- E. **Rev. 1:15** - The sound of many waters.
- F. **Gen. 3:8** - The sound of the Lord walking in the garden.
- G. **II Sam. 5:23-25** - The sound of the army of God marching in the tops of the trees..
- H. **Acts 13:2** - The Holy Spirit said, "seperate..."  
**John 16:13** - He will speak to you things to come.
- I. **II Peter 1:21** - Men moved by the Holy Spirit declare God's voice.
- J. **Ex. 3:4** - Audible voice of the Lord externally heard.
- K. **Psalms 85:8** - By His peace dwelling in our hearts.
- L. **II Cor. 12:1-4** - Heavenly visitation where one is brought up before the Lord.
- M. **Romans 8:16** - The Holy Spirit bearing witness to our spirit.
- N. **II Pet. 2:16** - A dumb donkey speaking with the voice of a man.
- O. **James 5:19-20** - Person to person - speaking the counsel of the Lord one to another.
- P. **Psalms 119:105** - The Written Word is our primary source of God's voice.
- Q. **Heb. 1:2** - In the last days God has spoken to us through His Son.
- R. **Joel 2:30-31** - Signs in the heavens and wonders in the earth beneath.

## II. INSCRIPTURATION

The two highest means of the Lord speaking to mankind are, of course, through Jesus becoming flesh and dwelling among men (John 1:14) and through the inscripturated revelation of God to men. II Tim. 3:16 tells us, *All scripture is inspired by God and is profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; that the man of God may be adequately equipped for every good work.* The Greek word for "inspiration" is *theopneustos*, which means "God-breathed." It is inerrant and infallible.

According to Rev. 22:18-19, inscripturated revelation is not given today. This may be seen for the following reasons:

**A. Not all Prophetic Messages are Inscripturated Revelation**

1. Num. 11:24-30- The 70 elders prophesied whose messages weren't recorded in scripture.
2. I Sam. 10:10-11; 19:18-24 says Saul's word was *not* retained for succeeding generations by scripture.
3. I Chron. 25:1-8 - Many of the "songs of the Lord" were not included in the Psalter as scripture.
4. Acts 15:32 - The words of Judas and Silas, as well as Agabus, were not inscripturated.

**B. Covenant Relationship of the Old Testament Prophecy**

All prophecy of the Old Testament points to the fulfillment in the New. All of God's covenant word points to the revelation of Jesus as the Messiah, the Christ.

**C. Christ as the Climax of all Revelation**

**Heb. 1:1-2** - *In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe.* NIV

**III. PRESENT REVELATION<sup>1</sup>**

**A. Two Realms of Present Revelation May be Received Today**

These are the following realms:

1. Illuminative revelation - Rom. 10:17 - *Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ.* NIV
2. Informational revelation - I Cor. 14:25 - *And the secrets of his heart will be laid bare. So he will fall down and worship God, exclaiming, "God is really among you!"* NIV

**B. Correlation Between Logos and Rhema**

As we store up the written word on our lives, we then give the Holy Spirit something to blow upon and turn into the "spoken word" in our hearts.

**C. Diagram on Revelation**

<u>Realm of Revelation</u>	<u>Time Span</u>	<u>Nature of Revelations</u>
Illuminative Revelation	Operative today	Enlightens principles based upon God's written Word and applies them prophetically to people's situations.
Informational Revelation	Operative today	Specific information about people's lives and situations.
<u>Realm of Revelation</u>	<u>Time Span</u>	<u>Nature of Revelations</u>
Inscripturated Revelation	NOT operative today	New revelation received by inspiration of the Holy Spirit, to be authoritative and equated with God's written revelation.

**IV. LET US HEAR!**

One of the most frequent phrases given to us in the book of Revelation is, *He who has an ear, let him hear*. Let's learn from the warnings found in Hebrews 3 and 4, *Today if you hear His voice, do not harden your hearts*. Instead, let us:

**A. Isaiah 28:23**

*Listen and hear my voice; pay attention and hear what I say. NIV*

**B. Isaiah 50:4-5**

*The Sovereign LORD has given me an instructed tongue, to know the word that sustains the weary. He wakens me morning by morning, wakens my ear to listen like one being taught. The Sovereign LORD has opened my ears, and I have not been rebellious; I have not drawn back. NIV*

**C. Isaiah 30:18-21**

*Yet the LORD longs to be gracious to you; he rises to show you compassion. For the LORD is a God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for him! O people of Zion, who live in Jerusalem, you will weep no more. How gracious he will be when you cry for help! As soon as he hears, he will answer you. Although the Lord gives you the bread of adversity and the water of affliction, your teachers will be hidden no more; with your own eyes you will see them. Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, "This is the way; walk in it." NIV*

## **Reflective Questions**

### **Section One Lesson One**

#### **Please Answer the Following Questions:**

1. Inspiration can be translated as \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Psalm 85:8 "I will \_\_\_\_\_ to what God the Lord will say; he \_\_\_\_\_ peace to his saints."
3. Hebrews 1:2 "But in these last days he has spoken to us by his \_\_\_\_\_, whom he appointed \_\_\_\_\_ of all things, and through whom he made the universe.

#### **Multi-Choice**

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|-------------------|-----------------|
| A. Revelation     | C. Proclaim him |
| B. Hear his voice | D. Inspiration  |

From the list above, answer the next two questions:

4. The Greek word "theopneustos" means \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Hebrews 3:15 "Today, if you \_\_\_\_\_, do not harden your hearts."

#### **True or False**

6. Illuminative Revelation is the enlightened word of God given as a prophecy.
7. Informative Revelation is specific information about people's lives or situations
8. Discerning God's voice is all about hearing, knowing the Holy Spirit.

#### **Scripture Memorization**

9. Write out and memorize II Corinthians 12:1-4.

10. What was the primary point you learned from this lesson.

*Turn to the back of this book for the answers to these questions*