God Spoke To Me

Ken Chapman · 1 Corinthians 2:1–13

INTRODUCTION

- Lately, this quarter, we've been talking about how we help our family grow.
- Part of that individual growth has to do with us understanding the Word of God.
- Sometimes we have a conversation with people who aren't even there. And we may feel like someone is speaking to us when they're not speaking to us at all.

1 How Do You Know It Was God?

- As with this topic, with every topic, we should approach it biblically, scripturally.
- It might be your own voice that you heard.
- How do I know that wasn't the voice of Satan speaking to me rather than the voice of God?

2 God Used an Earthly Messenger

Acts 8; Acts 9; Acts 10

- In each account of conversion, God is going to communicate his will to man.
- He tells Saul to go into the city, and there a human being, a man by the name of Ananias, would tell him what he needed to do in order to be saved.
- He tells Cornelius to send for a man named Simon Peter.
- When God wanted to communicate his will for man, he used an earthly messenger to convey that divine message.

3 God Spoke Through Designated Messengers

1 Corinthians 2:1–13

- I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified.
- I wanted you to focus on the message, not the messenger.
- These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches, but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual.
- So God has said he would communicate to us through a human messenger.

4 Scripture Is Sufficient

2 Timothy 3:14–17

- All Scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good word.
- Everything I need to know about God is contained in Scripture.

- Everything I need to know about how to restore or have my relationship restored to God that was violated by sin is contained in Scripture.

5 Value the Scripture God Has Spoken

Hebrews 1:1–2

- Part of the punishment that I receive is because my parents felt like that I was disrespecting the book.
- I hope it's even more true to the words that are contained in those volumes. That we need to value this.
- God, who at various times and various ways spoke in times past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by his son.
- Don't take for granted the fact that this is the word of God.

6 We Grow in This Word by Understanding

Philippians 4:15; 1 John 2:15; John 3:16

- Communication is meaningless unless it's understood.
- We must understand the meaning of the word itself in both the language, the region, and the time in which it was spoken.
- It's not just enough to look up the dictionary definition of the word. We have to say, how was it used in that context?
- So many supposed Bible contradictions are cleared up when we apply these principles.
- God has spoken to me through his holy apostles and prophets, and he is now expecting me to understand what he has said to me.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **God has spoken to us, words by which we might be saved. If we'll hear, seek to understand, and obey those words. Would you do that this morning? Can we encourage you to grow in this family?**

MY NOTES