

God listens to us, but He wants to speak to us too.

## **I He has spoken, He is speaking, He will speak**

- He speaks through His creation - **Psalms 19:1-2** (NKJV) The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handiwork. {2} Day unto day utters speech, And night unto night reveals knowledge.
- We hear Him Speak through other people - **Romans 10:17 2 Chronicles 24:20 Acts 21:11**
- We hear through the Word of God - **Ezra** - The people wept when they heard the Word of God **Revelation 3:13** He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says
- We hear His voice. **John 10:3-5** (NKJV) "To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice; and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. {4} "And when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them; and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. {5} "Yet they will by no means follow a stranger, but will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers."
- "He who has an ear" let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches - Rev 2:7,11,17,29 3:6,13,22 13:9

## **II We speak & He listens**

- God acts when we call out to him **Jeremiah 29:12-14** (NKJV) Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. {13} And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart. {14} I will be found by you, says the LORD, and I will bring you back from your captivity; I will gather you from all the nations and from all the places where I have driven you, says the LORD, and I will bring you to the place from which I cause you to be carried away captive.

## **III Hearing God speak raises the dead**

- The dead will hear the voice of the Son of God - **John 5:24-25** (NKJV) "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life. {25} "Most assuredly, I say to you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God; and those who hear will live.
- You were dead, but now ... **Ephesians 2:1,4-6** (NKJV) And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, ... {4} But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, {5} even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), {6} and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,
- Life and death are in the power of the tongue **Proverbs 18:21** (NKJV) Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruit.
- The voice of the Lord is powerful **Psalms 29:3-9** (NKJV) The voice of the LORD is over the waters; The God of glory thunders; The LORD is over many waters. {4} The voice of the LORD is powerful; The voice of the LORD is full of majesty. {5} The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars, Yes, the LORD splinters the cedars of Lebanon. {6} He makes them also skip like a calf, Lebanon and Sirion like a young wild ox. {7} The voice of the LORD divides the flames of fire. {8} The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; The LORD shakes the Wilderness of Kadesh. {9} The voice of the LORD makes the deer give birth, And strips the forests bare; And in His temple everyone says, "Glory!"

## **IV He speaks and wants us to listen**

- Listen to Jesus - **Matthew 17:5** (NKJV) While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and suddenly a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!"
- Don't ignore God when He is speaking - **Proverbs 1:20-33** (NKJV) Wisdom calls aloud outside; she raises her voice in the open squares. {21} She cries out in the chief concourses, at the openings of the gates in the city she speaks her words: {22} "How long, you simple ones, will you love simplicity? For scorers delight in their scorning, and fools hate knowledge. {23} Turn at my reproof; Surely I will pour out my spirit on you; I will make my words known to you. {24} Because I have called and you refused, I have stretched out my hand and no one regarded, {25} because you disdained all my counsel, and would have none of my reproof, {26} I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your terror comes, {27} when your terror comes like a storm, and your destruction comes like a whirlwind, when distress and anguish come upon you. {28} "Then they will call on me, but I will not answer; they will seek me diligently, but they will not find me. {29} Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the LORD, {30} they would have none of my counsel and despised all my reproof, {31} therefore they shall eat the fruit of their own way, and be filled to the full with their own fancies. {32} For the turning away of the simple will slay them, and the complacency of fools will destroy them; {33} but whoever listens to me will dwell safely, and will be secure, without fear of evil."