

Introduction:

As Jesus spoke to the early disciples – so now the Spirit speaks to us through the Scriptures.

⁹ However, as it is written: “What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no mind has conceived” — the things God has prepared for those who love Him — ¹⁰ these are the things God has revealed to us by His Spirit.

The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God.

¹¹ For 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.

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.

¹³ This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, explaining spiritual realities with Spirit-taught words.

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.

¹⁵ The person with the Spirit makes judgments about all things, but such a person is not subject to merely human judgments,

¹⁶ for, “Who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct Him?” But we have the mind of Christ.

1 Corinthians 2:9-16 (NIV)

Following the pathway of the Holy Writings:

1. God's Word is living and reveals Jesus to us

¹²For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

Hebrews 4:12 (NIV)

*¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
²He was with God in the beginning.*

John 1:1-2 (NIV)

¹⁴The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the One and Only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 1:14 (NIV)

2. We must come in earnest, if we are to hear His voice

¹My son, if you accept my words and store up My commands within you, ²turning your ear to wisdom and applying your heart to understanding — ³indeed, if you call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding, ⁴and if you look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure, ⁵then you will understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God.

Proverbs 2:1-5 (NIV)

BUT HOW?

➤ Three ways to come to God's Word:

- As a love letter – “To Cherish” ... Focus on Who

¹⁶ When Your words came, I ate them; they were my joy and my heart's delight, for I bear Your name, O LORD God Almighty.

Jeremiah 15:16 (NIV)

- As an instruction manual – “To Master” ... Focus on What

¹⁶ All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NIV)

- As the wisdom of the ages – “To Ponder” ... Focus on Success

⁸ Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.

Joshua 1:8 (NIV)

Conclusion: Three “Time-Honored” Ways to Hear God’s Voice

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A promise for the ages:

“Draw near to Me and I will draw near to You.”

– God of the Universe