

Listening to God

Read [Psalm 46:1-10](#)

LESSON 3

HOW GOD HAS SPOKEN

Through the ages, God has used a variety of ways to speak to His people. He apparently talked face-to-face on a daily basis with Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, meeting them in the cool of the day ([Genesis 3:8](#)).

[Genesis 3:8 \(NASB\)](#)

⁸“They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.”

After Adam and Eve disobeyed God and were expelled from the Garden, God turned to other forms of communication with His beloved creation.

There are at least eight ways in which God spoke to His people in Bible times:

1. Direct revelation
2. Dreams
3. Written words
4. Prophets
5. Circumstances
6. Angels
7. Jesus Christ
8. The Holy Spirit

Jesus Christ Is God’s Word Made Flesh

God has spoken to us through His Son, Jesus Christ. He is God’s supreme Word to us, a Word that appeared in fleshly form. He embodies everything that God desires to say to humankind—everything we need to know about God’s nature, our nature, and the relationship He desires us to have with Him and with each other. He is God’s full expression of love, care, tenderness, provision for salvation, righteousness, holiness, presence, power, and relationship. As Jesus said of Himself, He is “**the way, the truth, and the life**” ([John 14:6](#)).

If you have any doubt about what God wants you to do in a particular situation, look to the life of Jesus. Do what He did. If you have any doubt about how to respond to a situation or circumstance, look to Jesus. Imitate Him.

The only way in which you are not to be like Jesus is that you do not have the responsibility for dying as a sacrifice for the sins of the world. Jesus did that once—definitively. You are not anybody’s savior or deliverer. Jesus alone paid that price.

However, you are to take up your cross daily and follow the Lord, pouring out the very essence of your life to bring others to Him.

God has spoken through the life of Jesus Christ the perfect fulfillment of all His laws and commandments. Jesus is the Word of God made flesh.

What the Word Says

Meditate on or more of these passages:

John 1:14

John 14:6-7

What the Word Says to Me
