

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

The Holy Spirit Conveys God's Truth

We will discuss more about the work of the Holy Spirit in speaking God's word to us in the next lesson, but let it suffice for now that we recognize that God speaks to each believer by His Holy Spirit. What assurance that should give to us! We have direct and immediate access to God's opinion at all times. We have the full counsel of God available to us. We have His presence abiding within us to lead, guide, comfort, encourage, correct, and challenge us. The Holy Spirit is, indeed, **“God with us.”**

What the Word Says

What the Word Says to Me

Meditate on or more of these passages:

John 14:16-18

John 20:21-22

Acts 1:8

Consider these questions:

- *What insights have you gained about the ways in which God has spoken to people through the ages?*

- *With which of God's methods of communication would you feel most comfortable? Why?*
