



Writing what God Says

Christianity is relationship with God and each other. One way we build this relationship is through writing down what God says to us. It is one of the most significant ways of recognizing the voice of God. We can share our hearts with God and listen to what He has to say in response.

Writing . . .

- . . . keeps our minds involved and slows us down
- . . . helps keep the message pure
- . . . allows us to test it with others
- . . . provides a record for future reference

1. God's voice in our hearts sounds like a flow of spontaneous thoughts.

- It is Spirit-to-spirit communication.
- It is light and gentle, but easily cut off by your own thinking.
- God usually speaks in the first person: e.g. "I love you." Remember, He is a loving God and wants to encourage you. He hates sin, but loves you, and wants you to get prepared to be His Bride (Rev 19:7; Matt 25:1-13).

2. We must learn to still our own thoughts and emotions (Psalm 46:10; Exodus 14:14).

- Cease striving.
- Let go.
- Relax.
- Give Him your burdens and anxieties.

3. Be aware God may want to speak through the eyes of your heart, as well as, your ears (Eph 1:18).

Habakkuk "kept watch to see." He wrote down his prayer and the answers he received (Hab 2:1-2).

God may give you a picture through the eyes of your heart:

- reading a Bible story
- during prayer
- praise and worship (John 4:23,24)
- waiting on Him (Isaiah 40:31)

It may be helpful to draw the picture and ask the Lord what it means.

If you are more analytical in your thinking, He might speak in point form.

4. Write out your prayers, and God's answers.

Ask God questions after your heart is prepared. Then listen and write down His answers. Do not argue with Him or He might stop speaking until you are through.

Many times, God has said to us, "I have waited so long to talk to you." When we slow down and take the time to ask Him questions, He loves to respond to us in a way that we can understand.

A pastor of 30 years wept and wept when he recognized the voice of God through writing down what He said. He said to me, "Why didn't anyone teach me to recognize the voice of God before? Why did I have to wait until I was this age?"

A Chinese Christian leader went into his room, slammed the door and said, "God I know you are not going to talk to me." He sat down and wrote three pages, weeping his way through. God gave him such revelation of His love through writing what he was hearing.

A Hawaiian pastor came back from listening to God, and said, "I had no idea God spoke in Hawaiian pidgin. I've been hearing him all along and didn't know it was God".

APPLICATION

Apply the principles of hearing the voice of God, and then ask the Lord these questions. Write down the thoughts that come into your mind.

Lord Jesus, what do You think or feel about me? (He wants to encourage you.)

Lord Jesus, what are Your plans and purposes for me?

Lord Jesus, what do You and I have in common?

Lord Jesus, what hurts You? What pleases You?