

HEARING GOD

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Our Father in heaven, we thank you for such a wonderful time again to fellowship with you and with one another. As we feast on your word, we pray that you will open our eyes to

your word; for your word is truth. Thank you for we know you have heard us. For in Jesus name. We have prayed.. Amen.

Today we would be looking into the Topic Hearing God

The key scriptures are **Revelation 3:6**

**He that has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit
says unto the Churches**

Matthew 11:15

He that has ears, let him hear.

Others scriptures we would be threshing as time goes on will be John 10:27, 1 Timothy 4:1 and so on

**Hearing God begins with having an ear. It is
the person that has an ear that hears.**

Did we notice that just a word is enough for a person that has an ear.

But one that does not have an ear, you would keep on repeating something over and over again. The person will tell you he has heard, but he or she will still go on and commit that error.

Initially I thought the problem was that God is not speaking but 1 Timothy 4:1 says very clearly that the Spirit speaks expressly. But it is the one who has an ear that will hear what the Spirit is saying.

Let us take a look at Mathew 13:9-16

Can someone share the scripture for us

Matthew 13:9-16 KJV

9 Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.

10 And the disciples came, and said unto him, Why speakest thou unto them in parables?

11 He answered and said unto them, Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given.

12 For whosoever hath, to him shall be given, and he shall have more abundance: but whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken away even that he hath.

13 Therefore speak I to them in parables: because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand.

14 And in them is fulfilled the prophecy of Esaias, which saith, By hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and shall not perceive:

15 For this people's heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should

**see with their eyes, and hear with their ears,
and should understand with their heart, and
should be converted, and I should heal them.**

**16 But blessed are your eyes, for they see: and
your ears, for they hear.**

Our Lord Jesus just finished preaching the
parable of the sower to the multitudes and He
said, who has ears to hear, let him hear

I just desire to stir up a burden in our hearts to
engage God in prayers.

Do you see that, if it is mere preaching the
word of God, friends hearing we would hear
and would not understand.

Without an ear, you will say something over
and over again, even use illustrations like Jesus

used. He used parables to try to break it down but yet, they could not hear God because of lack of an ear.

Brethren day by day, God is speaking to everyone of us. It depends on our ears.

Whosoever has an ear, to him shall be given.

What therefore is the word EAR?

This word "an ear", I kept seeing it being repeated in the scriptures, it made me engage God more and more in prayers.

Ear simply means UNDERSTANDING IN HEART

When Solomon was made king of Israel, the Lord appeared to him and said, “Ask what I shall give thee” (1 Kings 3:5).

Solomon then magnified the Lord for allowing him to succeed his father David as king over Israel.

But he said: I am but a little child: I know not how to go out or come in. And thy servant is in the midst of thy people which thou hast chosen, a great people, that cannot be numbered nor counted for multitude.

Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart to judge thy people. 1 Kings 3:7-9

The word understanding in Hebrews means “hearing.”

Verse 9 then should read, "Give thy servant a hearing heart or a listening heart."

"Ear" means "Understanding in Heart".

Ear is a "Hearing In heart"/ "Understanding in heart".

Now let us check, those who encountered God and heard God first from the scriptures. I would also share a bit of my encounter with God.

But I want us to begin from the scriptures

Friends an ear is very crucial in encountering God.

In 1 Samuel 3, Samuel was launched into personal encounter with God. He heard God.

God called Samuel as God keeps on beckoning unto every one of us.

Sometimes we keep saying, I heard something telling me.

Until you recognize that what you are hearing is not a something but a someone desiring to expressly speak to you only that you have not yet caught an ear on how he speaks unto you.

When God called Samuel, surely, Samuel lacked an ear in pinpointing that this is God, but through the help of Eli- his discipler, his tutor, his overseer, who perceived that this could be the voice of God, then he told Samuel how to respond to God.

You see, until samuel caught an ear that this is the voice of God. God could not speak further unto him.

God would be speaking as at other times unto us but if we lack an ear, we can be running helter skelter like Samuel.

Brethren the Spirit speaks expressly. If you are a child of God, God has in one way or the other been speaking unto you, it depends on your ears.

You do not need to talk plenty for the man who has an ear in hearing God.

Just a word is enough for the wise. But for the man who does not have an ear, you would have to call Samuel like three times and if he or she

does not have an Eli over him to guide him
aright to pick the voice of God, then you can
imagine how you miss an encounter with God.

1 Timothy 4:1 says

Now the spirit speaks expressly..

Yes He in you desires to express himself to you.
He uses various mediums to express Himself to
you

1. Dreams: Numbers 12:6.

God spoke expressly to Joseph especially
through dreams.

In fact everyone of us here dreams. Dreams is the most common way for God to speak unto his own.

Job 33:14

For God speaks once, yea twice, yet man perceives it not.

Please note this rendering

God speaks once, yea, yea twice yet man perceives it not.

Man perceives not because of lack of an ear.

Job 33:14

"For God speaks once, yea twice, yet man perceives it not."

Job 33:15-16

"In a dream, in a vision of the night, when deep sleep falleth upon men, in slumberings upon the bed; Then he openeth the ears of men and sealeth instructions"

When God speaks once, twice and you perceive it not then he wait till you are asleep; then he will open your ear to seal instruction in a dream, in a vision of the night and when deep sleep falls upon men.

You see, when God has been trying to speak unto you in the day, he tries by dropping his thoughts. He tries by shedding light if you do not perceive. His last point of call is when you are asleep.

Brethren why did I bring up dreams is that, God speaks expressly through dreams but it is not first the desire of God to wait till you are asleep to speak unto you.

Even to hear God through dreams, you need an ear.

Dreams was the chief way God spoke to some prophets, He spoke to Joseph through dreams and He still speaks to us through dreams.

You surely need an ear to hear God even in dreams

2. Visions

Genesis 15:1; Daniel 1:17; Joel 2:28

God speaks through vision, whether open vision, or close visions but even yet you still

need an ear (understanding in heart) to hear what the spirit is saying.

Let us check Daniel 1:17

Daniel 1:17

As for these four children, God gave them knowledge and skill in all learning and wisdom: and Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams.

Look carefully at what made God stick to speaking to Daniel through visions:

Daniel had an ear (understanding in heart) in all visions and dreams so it was easy for God to communicate to Daniel through visions and dreams.

Brethren please when studying the scriptures look carefully at how God spoke to them, how they heard God and how they walked with God.

I am only trying to show us all that in various ways, God would be speaking unto us, the crucial requirement to commune with God is an ear.

3. The word of God

Let us go back to I Samuel 3

How did God speak to Samuel?

This is the chief way God speaks to me so please let's listen carefully

I Samuel 3:21. Can someone bring up the scripture.

1 Samuel 3:21

And the LORD appeared again in Shiloh: for the LORD revealed himself to Samuel in Shiloh by the word of the LORD.

The Word of God is how God revealed himself unto Samuel and He still reveals himself even till today.

This is how God does reveal himself through the word of God to me:

Once God arises to speak unto me, He picks a scripture that matches what is in His heart and speaks the scripture unto me.

So I also have to engage him to understand what is in his heart.

So my encounter with God are word encounters. It is lovely and that is one of the chief ways God desires we encounter him **because the grass(i.e corruptible) withers and the flowers fades but the word of God abides for ever.**

Anything that today IS but tomorrow WAS is called grass (i.e corruptible) before God. Don't gather grass rather gather grace.

Even yet, you still need an ear to hear God in the scriptures.

4. Thought to thought communication

Do you know that in the spirit realm, communication is majorly by thought to thought. God says my thoughts are not your

thoughts and my ways are not your ways.

Another way God speaks unto us is making His thoughts become our thoughts.

How does the devil tempt a man, he drops his thought into your mind so it would seem as if it is your thought.

God likewise, speaks through our thoughts telepathically.

Telepathy is the ability to transfer thoughts.

In fact He can be present but he is not saying anything yet he is communicating with you through thoughts.

As we practice the presence of God, God would be speaking unto us through our thoughts.

Honor God in your thoughts. I learnt the art of practicing the presence of God.

I will just engage him in my thoughts, and engage him in everything I am doing.

Most times I do them by faith knowing that He that comes to God must believe that He is.

Any small issue, I have said, Father Lord what do you think about it.

Start “practicing” the presence of God.

What do I mean by that? Simply this—realize that God is with you all the time and engage Him.

This is how I had to break through with God in the scriptures. I **had to believe that He that comes to God must believe that He IS not He WAS.**

IS MEANS "CONTINUES TO BE"

WAS MEANS "USED TO BE"

BE MEANS "NOW EXIST".

AM MEANS "CONTINUE TO BE"

The man is there. Without faith it is impossible to please Him

5. Eye of God-Psalm 32:8-9

Can someone bring up this scripture.

Psalm 32:8

"I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye."

Psalm 32:9

"Be ye not as the horse, or as the mule, which have no understanding: whose mouth must be held in with bit and bridle, lest they come near unto thee."

Fifth way I see God guides me also is with His eye.

Today we are not discussing on an eye.
Whosoever launched into visions were clad with open eyes.

God guides you with His eye.

What is this eye we are talking about?

Brethren I engaged God to tell me the meaning of an eye. I asked if it is this or that but yet light did not break forth. He drew my attention to Matthew 6:22. Can we all go there.

The light of the body is the eye.

I would not be teaching on an eye today but I want to tell us that an eye is the light inherent in the body. **An eye is the light of (i.e Originating From) the body.**

So God guides us with His light

Matthew 6:22

"The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light."

Once light has not broken forth over a matter, you dare not go on. But as soon as light shines forth in your heart, you know that God is in it.

Brethren, he guides with His eyes moment by moment. He just shed his light. God speaks unto us with light. He just sheds light in your heart over an issue and you just know within that, yes God has spoken.

Please before we leave that Psalm 32:8-9

Can we see that God says I will guide you with my eye but be ye not as the mule or the horse who have no ear (understanding).

You see that even in God guiding you with his eye, you need an ear. Those who have no ear(understanding), God uses bits and bridle for them.

Bits and Bridle Christianity is Do's and Dont's Christianity. Bits and Bridle Christianity is Thou shalls and Thou shall nots Christianity. Those who do not have an ear are placed under bits (Do's) and Bridle(Dont's). The more you mature in Christ, you would not require do's and dont's to live out the Christian life. Rather the Christian life would be lived out of love that passes human understanding.

6. Circumstances:

God speaks through circumstances.

He orders your circumstances to speak unto you. God has dealt with me through circumstances. He arranges co-incidences in

your environment. The steps of a righteous man are ordered by the Lord.

7. Tongues and interpretation

Isaiah 28:11

This is one way God speaks to us

Can someone bring up that scripture:

Isaiah 28:11

"For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people."

God speaks through tongues. In fact at some point it is not you that speaks but the spirit of your father speaking through you. The interpretation will be dropped in your heart.

8. Fellow brethren.

God speak through fellow brethren, pastors etc. That is the chief way he spoke to his people- the Israelites in the old testament.

God still speaks through men.

You see but God desires a one on one relationship with each one of us as His children.

Jesus has broken down the middle wall of partition that we would have boldness to come into the presence of God to commune with God.

The day I read the new covenant, God has entered with every one In Christ located in Hebrews 8:10-12, that day, I told God, I also will hear you as you hear me, I will see you as you see me.

God says, all shall know me from the least to the greatest.

In fact I was so amazed. I said, you mean from the least to the greatest. I have hope then in knowing you.

Those words drew me closer to know the lord. I kept engaging God with that word. I kept telling him, you said in your word, I also will know you.

He has entered a covenant and his covenant cannot be broken. He desires all of us should know him in intimate communion with him.

No more third party knowing where you would have to only see your pastor first to know the will of God.

Pastors are to be like Eli, opening your ears to hear God until you are launched into intimacy with God.

The bible says I will give you Pastors according to my heart which shall feed you with knowledge(I.e light) and understanding (an ear)- Jeremiah 3:15.

These and many more. I can not exhaust the means at which God speaks unto his own.

9. The Peace of God.

The peace of God is another chief means. Peace just overshadows your heart over a matter.

Now can we come back to the main topic of the day

He that has an ear, let him ear

Brethren all who touched God, cried unto God for an ear.

In 1 Kings 3:9, Solomon asked for an ear. God asked him to ask for anything and He asked boldly for an understanding heart. God was pleased.

Only the man that has an ear that intermeddles with wisdom.

I remember back then, even till now. I will be crying unto God as I am reading books and the scriptures. I would be reading books by men of God but i would be saying, Lord I need an ear to hear you also as these men are hearing you.

God began opening my ears. I became tired of just coming to the scriptures and go back with just, I learnt that...

I told God, I need to touch you in your word.

Brethren I desire to stir up a burden for an ear, day by day.

The measure at which you hear God relies on your ear.

For those of us hearing God, we need God to open our ears more.

Did we see the scripture said, He that has an ear, let him hear

That other part, let him hear is very deep. The three letter word "Let" is deep. Let him hear is the declaration of heaven.

Hearing God begins with possessing an ear not just professing an ear.

I would wrap up the teaching at this point
We would continue tomorrow same time.

Let's us pray: Our Father we thank you for your word, Lord you have promised us that each one of us shall know you from the least to the greatest. As many of us that have received you into our hearts, you have given us ears because you are now our ears. Lord I pray that you would open our ears to hear you and commune with you from henceforth.

I pray o lord that you will grant us an ear moment by moment and you would let us hear you. It is a priviledge to commune with the creator of heaven and earth.

Even to talk to our presidents, we need to pass through so much protocol but there is no protocol to commune with you. Lord we love you and believe that you have heard us.

Do much more that we can ask or think or expect according to your power that works in us. In Jesus name we have prayed... Amen

Thank you all for following. God bless us all

John 10:27

"My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me".

Today we would be looking at this scripture and its implication.

My sheep hear my voice and I know them and they follow me.

The sheep hear His voice but the lamb must learn the voice.

Who are His sheep and who are His lambs?

**His sheep are Followers with an ear
(understanding in heart).**

**His Lambs are Followers without an ear
(understanding in heart) .**

It becomes crucial that among the followers of Jesus the great shepherd, he has sheep and he has lambs.

He says, My sheep hear my voice and they follow me.

God has made adequate provision for the lambs to catch an ear.

It is a fact that the sheep hear His voice but the lambs must learn the voice.

First the flock are children of the great Shepherd- Jesus.

His sheep are those who incline their ears to listen to His voice.

God is speaking but we may not be listening due to many things on our plate.

Our daily activities should not cut off our inward communion with the Lord.

We can be at the shop but yet listening to His voice.

The lord desires to be a part of our everyday lives

The voice of the lord will be heard from the scriptures, from His servants, from books and writings of His servants, etc.

John was a voice crying in the wilderness. There are many voices crying in the world.

Whose sheep are you?

Many times we come to God and we are the ones speaking throughout, we do not listen. We just do not wait upon God till He commits His word into our hands. We are quick to speak but slow to listen.

So today we would see the need to grow into His sheep from being lambs.

Just as we have Sheep and lambs so also we have Adults and Children.

Elsewhere in Galatians 4:1-2 God is speaking about the effect of remaining a child or in this case a lamb.

As long as you remain a 'child', you will be unable to enter into your inheritance in Christ Jesus.

Gal. 4:1-2

Now I say, the heir, as long as he is a child, differs nothing from a servant, though he be lord of all. But is under tutors and governors until the time appointed of the father.

As long as He is a child (l.e a lamb), he differs not from a servant.

The holyghost is underlining a word in Galatians 4;

AS LONG AS HE REMAINS A CHILD...

As long as you remain a child, you will not rule over sin, sickness, the flesh and the devil.

It seems man determines the timing of how long he or she will remain a child?

Who therefore is a child? Is it physical age that heaven is addressing here? A man can be physically 50 years but yet He is a child before God. While another may be 28 years physically but yet he is grown up before God.

Another may claim to have given his or her life to Christ 30 years ago, 20 years ago, 8 years ago etc, yet he or she is a child before God. Ooh my cry is that, many are born for greatness but they could not enter it because they remained children.

They refused to grow up.

The Bible says in Luke 2:52, that Jesus increased in wisdom and stature and in favour with God and with men. Jesus grew.

Jesus was in the temple among tutors learning. He grew. We must grow also.

As long as one remains a "child", he or she differs not from a servant, though he is Lord of all.

Who therefore is a child?

A child is a person who has not caught the understanding of an adult.

There is a difference between caught and taught. Truth is to be caught from inside out as it is taught from outside in. Until truth is caught from inside out, all coming from outside in will end up as head knowledge.

If he or she has not caught it, then he or she is a child.

The adult here is relative.

The adult is first of all our lord Jesus. Philippians 2:5, says let this mind be in you which is also in Christ Jesus.

We need to catch the mind of Christ. Until then we are still children and cannot enter some hidden riches of secret places.

How does a child grow up into an adult?

God has made adequate provisions for every heir of His to grow up into an adult.

The onus now lies upon all who will walk into the will of God or follow their own will.

Can we check how God has provided means of rapid growth?

1. Galatians 4:2. ... But is under tutors and governors, until the time appointed of the father". Note the child(singular) is under tutors and governors(plural).

God brings the child in contact with various people he or she will come across who are meant to contribute into that child.

Know that it takes a village to raise a king.

It is true that a disciple is not greater than His master, but a disciple will only be greater than His master if he or she ALSO feeds from other masters (Jane Atake Obrerhor).

The moment this blessed tutor gave me this wisdom, I wasted no time in re-inventing the wheel. I drank from many masters.

Isaac Newton said, I saw further and farther than others because I climbed the shoulders of giants.

We should climb the shoulders of sycamore trees (giants) like Zaccheaus in order to see Jesus.

God has placed men, disciplers around our lives, who God passes through to prepare us to ride upon our horses into our Jerusalem. You need to sit under teachings of Overcomers who have gone ahead of us.

You need to read books of heroes of faith, you need to submit your life to a man or woman.

You need to climb the shoulders of sycamore trees(giants) to have a clear glimpse of Jesus in His word like Zaccheaus did.

Whatsoever God desires to do upon the earth and through your life, note that He passes through men.

You need the approval of God and men.

Note that in Luke 2:52, Jesus increased in favor with God and with men.

He needed a John the Baptist to lead him into the opening of the heavens over his head.

The heavens opened over the head of our Lord Jesus at age 30 only after he encountered John the Baptist.

The messages, books, writings of teachers, tutors, mentors, should be sought and bought. Buy (pay the price for) wisdom.

Every prize has a price.

2. There is crucial need for the spirit of wisdom and revelation.

This is the spirit of Christ. When Jesus is revealed unto us as being Wisdom and Revelation and we receive Him as our Wisdom and Revelation, then we are endued with the spirit of wisdom and revelation.

Ephesians 1:17-19, shows us that without this spirit of wisdom and understanding, the heir of great promises will remain a child and will not be able to enter into the purpose of God for his or her life. The spirit of wisdom and revelation reveals to us the exceeding greatness of His power in us amongst others.

3. Do not throw away past revelations from God, because they would be the basis for your entering into more deeper revelations.

4. Desire the sincere milk of the word that you may grow thereby. Seek that it would become a reality. Do not settle for milk, grow your teeth to be able to chew the meat of mysteries. God would wean you from the milk and draw you from the breasts to launch you into the mysteries of the kingdom.

So for the lambs to grow into a sheep, God puts the lambs under tutors.

5. Waiting on God in prayers and fasting. We should cultivate the habit of waiting on God in prayers and fasting.

Proverbs 20:12 says the hearing ear and the seeing eye the Lord makes both of them.

We must wait at His feet daily and make out time to wait on God to work upon our ears and eyes in His presence.

Isaiah 50:4 says, The Lord has given me the tongue of the learned, that I should know how to speak a word in season to him that is weary: he wakens me morning by morning, he wakens mine ear to hear as the learned".

As we wait upon God, He will waken our ear to hear.

Let us wait upon Him till he breaks His word unto us.

It is the inspiration of God that gives us understanding. Job 32:8

As we press on with God, we would catch an ear. **An ear is better caught than taught.**

Let us peep into why hearing is a crucial need? Faith comes by hearing. It is crucial to hear because faith comes by hearing. Faith comes because of the action of hearing. Faith is hindered from coming when we are not hearing.

I will close with this scripture in Proverbs 4:7

**"WISDOM IS THE PRINCIPAL THING;
THEREFORE GET WISDOM AND WITH ALL THY
GETTING GET UNDERSTANDING".**

With all your getting, get understanding.

God bless you.

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