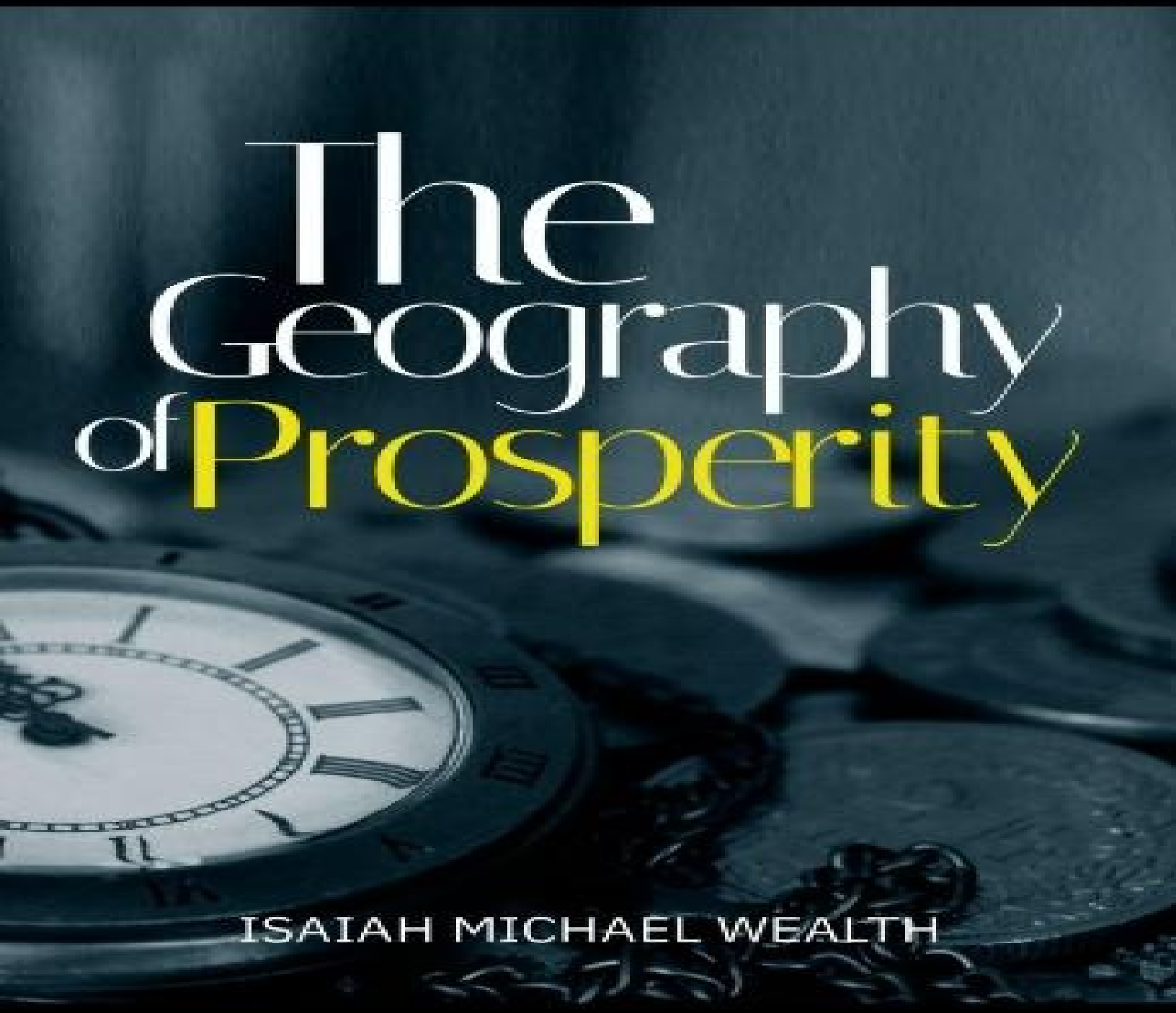
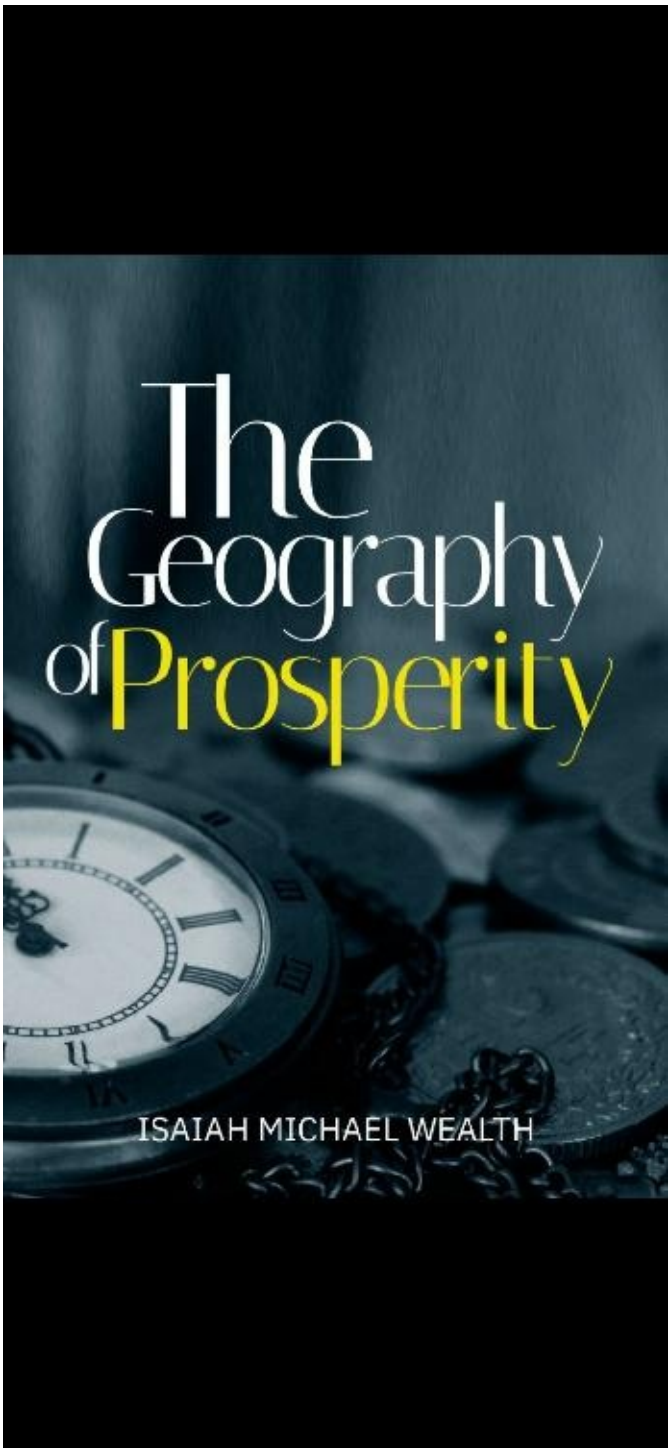

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INRODUCTION

Every human being is unique, and we all have different paths and destiny. Though one may practice natural and supernatural principles of prosperity, which are universal and will thus deliver results to anyone who applies them correctly, every individual still needs

specific direction from God that would lead him or her into his or her own destiny in Christ.

It is true that the failure of many can be traced to lack of direction because though they apply the principles of prosperity, they apply it outside God's ordained location or place for them, hence they do not succeed.

No matter how much you labour or how many principles you practice, if you are outside God's present will for your life, you may not succeed. You therefore need divine direction to access the prosperity specific to your destiny. This is the focus of this book.

CHAPTER ONE
GAINING DIRECTION

When God created you, He ordained you for a life to prosperity and wealth. This is a great destiny or dained even before the world began.

> ***Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.***
>
> ***Jeremiah 1:5***

God planned your life - what you would do and all that you should achieve before you were formed in your mother's womb. He knew you and ordained you to fulfil a specific assignment on earth. Also you were chosen by Him to bear fruit and not to be barren- unfruitful.

> ***Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.***
>
> ***John 15:16***

So you are not an accident, irrespective of the circumstances that surround your birth. This should stir up your confidence and faith. God's thoughts towards you are thoughts of good to give you an expected end.

> ***For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.***
>
> ***Jeremiah 29:11***

Other translations of this awesome scripture reveal more about the expected end that God has planned for you;

> ***I alone know the plans I have for you, plans to bring you prosperity and not disaster, plans to bring about the future you hope for***
>
> ***Jeremiah 29:11*** *(Good News Translation)*

> ***I know what I'm doing. I have it all planned out - plans to take care of you, not to abandon you, plans to give you the future you hope for.***
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> ***Jeremiah 29:11 (Message Bible)***

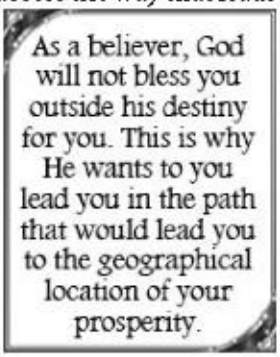
> ***For I know the plans that I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.***
>
> ***Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)***

It is therefore obvious that God's expected end for you is a future of prosperity. But to get to this end of prosperity there is a way or path that God has ordained for you to take.

> ***Thus saith the LORD, thy Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel; I am the LORD thy God which teacheth thee to profit, which leadeth thee by the way that thou shouldest go.***

Isaiah 48:17

Did you see that? God created you and He only can teach you to profit. He does this by leading you in the way that you should go. This means that there is a way that you must go to access the profit that God has for you. To therefore access your profit, you need to access the way that leads to the location of the destiny that God has ordained for you.



There is a business or idea that God has ordained for you, outside of it, you would struggle. All you need to succeed and achieve your vision for wealth is on that way but if you miss it, you may never achieve success. This is why many are poor or at best average.

Many believers today have not yet discovered the particular way that they need to go to access their wealth. Thus they go the way that seems good to them but often times this way leads to their failure and destruction.

There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.

Proverbs 14:12

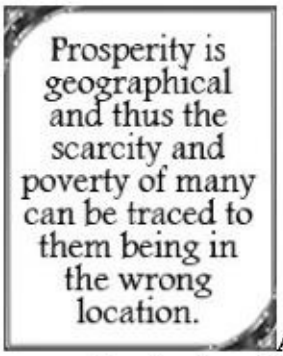
Not every path or way is for you. There is a path that has been crafted for your destiny. A path that would lead you into all the resources you would ever need to achieve success. For instance if a man places a box of cash in a particular location for you, even if it has your name on it, if you go the wrong way, you will never get it. You therefore need to locate the exact location to collect it. In the same way, God's plans and blessing for you are geographical, hence you must locate it to access it.

As a believer, God will not bless you outside his destiny for you. This is why He wants to you lead you in the path that would lead you to the geographical location of your prosperity. We will continue this in the next chapter.

CHAPTER TWO
THE GEOGRAPHY OF PROSPERITY

There is the economics of prosperity, the spiritism of prosperity and the geography of prosperity. The economics of pros-

perity refers to the knowledge of money and business required to prosper. They are the natural principles of financial prosperity, which I have exhaustively highlighted in my book: ***Making, Managing & Multiplying Money.***



Also, the spiritism of prosperity refers to spiritual principles you must engage in to activate the God kind of prosperity. I recommend that you read my book: ***Supernatural Prosperity*** to know more on this. But the geography of prosperity refers to the necessity of your geographical location to your prosperity.

Prosperity is geographical and thus the scarcity and poverty of many can be traced to them being in the wrong location. There is a particular place or location you must be per time to encounter the resources that God has made available for you. There is no scarcity with God, your problem may be your location. There are people and resources that God wants you to encounter but if you never move into their sphere you will never meet them and thus never enter into the prosperity that God has arranged for you.

In 1 Kings chapter 17, Prophet Elijah prophesied the drought but he received an instruction from the Lord on how to live above it;

And the word of the LORD came unto him, saying, get thee hence, and turn thee eastward, and hide thyself by the brook Cherith, that is before Jordan. And it shall be, that thou shalt drink of the brook; and I have commanded the ravens to feed thee there. So he went and did according unto the word of the LORD: for he went and dwelt by the brook Cherith, that is before Jordan. And the ravens brought him bread and flesh in the morning, and bread and flesh in the evening; and he drank of the brook.

1Kings 17:2-6

Did you notice that? Though there was drought and scarcity in the land, the Lord made provision for him in another location -by the brook of Cherith where he received water, and the ravens came to feed him.

In the same way, there is a place your prosperity and increase are located. When others lack or suffer poverty, you do not have to, you simply need to know what the Lord is saying and where he is leading you.

I also want you to notice the phrase "and the word of the Lord came to him saying'. The phrase shows us that the direction the prophet got as to the location of his supply came from the Lord. You too need this direction to ascertain the geographical location of your prosperity or the place where God has made available for you. But in chapter 7 we see a change in his supply;

And it came to pass after a while, that the brook dried up, because there had been no rain in the land.

1 Kings 17:7

The brook which was the previous source of his supply dried up. This is significant. Although God told him to go there, after some time, his supply ran out. This is because the location of his supply had changed. But like before, the word of the Lord came to him to relocate to the new geographical location of his prosperity;

> ***And the word of the LORD came unto him, saying, Arise, get thee to Zarephath, which belongeth to Zidon, and dwell there: behold, I have commanded a widow woman there to sustain thee. So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, the widow woman was there gathering of sticks: and he called to her, and said, Fetch me, I pray thee, a little water in a vessel, that I may drink.***
>
> ***1Kings 17:7-10***

This accounts for the sudden drought or lack of many believers today. Many have once experienced wealth and suddenly see themselves in lack and they wonder because the Lord actually told them to go where they prospered. They may still be in the brook of cherith when their supply is with the widow of Zeraphath. You will struggle if you do not know where God wants to be or what he wants you to be doing every season of his life. For instance you will struggle if you are still in a business when God has placed your blessing in another. He may have told you to do that business at a particular time but is he still there, or has he relocated? Only the voice of God can give you this kind of direction.

Elijah was able to make this change of location because he received a word from the Lord. This shows the importance of the voice of God in locating the place of your prosperity. Every provision has a location and timing. When God fed the children of Israel with manna, after a while, the manna ceased'

> ***And the manna ceased on the morrow after they had eaten of the old corn of the land; neither had the children of Israel manna any more; but they did eat of the fruit of the land of Canaan that year.***
>
> ***Joshua 5:12***

God fed them with manna for Forty years but we see later that the manna ceased. The location of their provision moved to Canaan.

> ***But they did eat of the fruit of the land of Canaan that year.***
>
> ***Joshua 5:12***

Also in Genesis 28, we see how a change in location changed the destiny of Jacob;

> ***Arise, go to Padanaram, to the house of Bethuel thy mother's father; and take thee a wife from thence of the daughters of Laban thy mother's brother.***
>
> ***Genesis 28:2***

At his father's instruction, he went to Padanaram, but he did not encounter God in a vision until he went out of Beersheba towards Haran

> ***And Jacob went out from Beersheba, and went toward Haran. And he lighted upon a certain place, and tarried there all night, because the***

sun was set; and he took of the Stones of that place, and put them for his pillows, and lay down in that place to sleep. And he dreamed, and behold a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven: and behold the angels of God ascending and descending on it.

Genesis 28:10-12

Your location matters; you will suffer lack and poverty if you are in the wrong location regardless of your efforts. This is why you need the voice of God to give you direction;

And the word of the LORD came unto him, saying,

1Kings 17:2

And the word of the LORD came unto him, saying,

1Kings 17:7

But in other to hear the voice of God you need to begin to mature spiritually. When you got saved, the scriptures refer to you as a babe and babes cannot receive the deep word of God. This was Apostle Paul's complaint in 1 Corinthians chapter 3;

And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ. I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able.

1Corinthians 3:1-2

He could not feed them with the meat of God's word because they remained babes in Christ, but Apostle Peter shows us the way to begin to grow into spiritual maturity;

> ***As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:***
>
> ***1Peter 2:2***

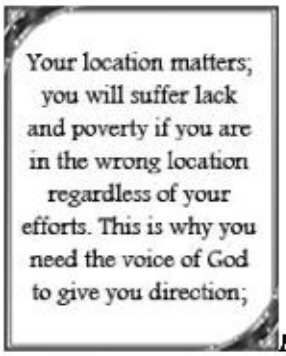
This is why God wants you to mature. Being mature in this sense means developing and building your spirit with the Word of God and prayer over a long period of time.

> ***And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified.***
>
> ***Acts 20:32***

> ***But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost,***
>
> ***Jude 1:20***

This is important because only mature believers are able to discern the voice of God. They are able to discern between good and evil.

> ***But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.***



Hebrews 5:14

Thus you must not trivialize your walk with God. Your spiritual life is your compass and it also determines how fast you are able to discern the voice and instructions of God. For instance if a man is deaf, no matter how loud you shout, he cannot hear you. This is the state of many believers in the spirit. They are deaf to the direction of the spirit and hence do not hear the instruction that they need to prosper.

If you want to go in the direction of the prosperity that God ordained for you before the foundation of the world, you must spend time to build your spirit with prayers and meditation on the Word of God as they both sharpen your spiritual ears to hear the voice of God.

We will talk more about this in the next chapter. Come with me.

CHAPTER THREE
HOW GOD SPEAKS

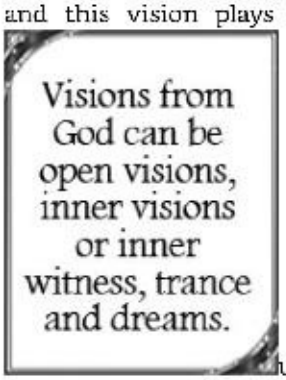
To be able to discern when God speaks to you, you need to know how He speaks. The voice of God comes through visions, and the inner witness, with a loud voice, your Pastor and through the scriptures.

God Speaks Through Visions

Visions are supernatural occurrences orches trated by God to give us knowledge or wisdom about different situations. They can give us insight into the past, the present and the future. This is what you need to succeed.

Visions from God can be open visions, inner visions or inner witness, trance and dreams. It is important to know that when God's voice comes, it comes with an inner witness. So whatever word you receive that is not in line with the word of God is surely not from God.

1. ***Open vision:*** This occurs when we receive a vision from God fully conscious, and this vision plays out in front of us like a movie. In this kind of vision, the person is not asleep or unconscious but the Lord opens



his spiritual eyes to see into the realms of the spirit in his full consciousness with all senses active. Daniel was a political leader in his days and he had open visions where he was transported into the spirit by the Lord to see the future of his nation and the world.

> ***And I saw in a vision; and it came to pass, when I saw, that I was at Shushan in the palace, which is in the province of Elam; and I saw in a vision, and I was by the river of Ulai.***
>
> ***Daniel 8:2***

As a man that must prosper the God way, you must expect God to lead you through visions.

2. ***Inner vision:*** this occurs when we have a witness in our spirit about a situation. It is like a still small voice that affirms the truth in our hearts. We might not see an open vision but we can perceive in our spirits that God is leading us to do something or is about to do something in our lives. Apostle Paul was sometimes led by the inner witness during his missionary journeys. In his journey to Rome, Paul perceived in his spirit about what would happen on their journey;

> ***And said unto them, Sirs, I perceive that this voyage will be with hurt and much damage, not only of the lading and ship, but also of our lives.***
>
> ***Acts 27:10***

3. ***Dreams:*** God also speaks to us through dreams, these are visions that come to us when we sleep whether in the day or at night. We see an example of this in the book of Daniel

> ***In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon Daniel had a dream and visions of his head upon his bed: then he wrote the dream, and told the sum of the matters. Daniel spake and said, I saw in my vision by night, and, behold, the four winds of the heaven strove upon the great sea.***
>
> ***Daniel 7:1-2***

4. ***Trance:*** A trance is a very short dream in which a lot is revealed to us within seconds or minutes. The person in a trance falls into a very short sleep and a lot of information is transferred to him within that short period. Peter the disciple of Jesus, received a trance in which a lot was revealed to him.

> ***And he became very hungry, and would have eaten: but while they made ready, he fell into a trance, And saw heaven opened, and a certain vessel descending unto him***
>
> ***Acts 10:10-11***

You too can have a trance about your business today.

God Speaks Through the Scriptures

God speaks to us through scriptures. Each time you study the logos or written word of God, God can open your spiritual eyes to receive a revelation beyond the literal meaning of that text and this becomes the word of God to you - your Rhema. God is bound to fulfilling that word as much as he is to fulfilling a word spoken to you in visions and dreams.

The Spirit of God can also enlighten your understanding concerning a scripture you may have read so many times just to speak to you. You should value it, believe it and walk by it. This is a great show of faith and God always honours faith.

God Speaks Through Your Pastor

God instituted spiritual authority and thus he also speaks to us through the spiritual authority placed over us - our Pastors and Prophets. They have been placed over us to help us and guide us in the things of the spirits and in everyday life.

Sometimes, when you are listening to your pastor, you may be surprised to hear him say something that might be an answer or bring direction to you in your business or career. This is also an important way God speaks to a believer.

God Speaks in an Audible Voice

God instituted spiritual authority and thus he also speaks to us through the spiritual authority placed over us - our Pastors and Prophets.

Another way God speaks to us is in a loud voice, but this is not common and is not something for you to seek after. I have mentioned it here because it can happen to you and it may, as it is scriptural. Many times in my Walk with God, I have heard God speak to me audibly concerning areas of my life and ministry in the past and I can tell you that it brought great relief and a direction that led to great explosion in my ministry.
This you can also experience.

> ***And straightway coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens opened, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon him: And there came a voice from heaven, saying, Thou art my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.***
>
> ***Mark 1:10***

God Speaks through Other Believers

Finally, God also speaks to us through other believers, those of the household of faith.

Apostle Paul had a plan to go to Jerusalem as part of his missionary journey but the Lord spoke through some of the brethren in Jerusalem, warning him not to go;

> ***And finding disciples, we tarried there seven days: who said to Paul***

through the Spirit, that he should not go up to Jerusalem

Acts 21:4

The Holy Spirit sees all things and he knows our future and he wants to speaks to us and sometimes warn us , whether through visions, or through a minister of the Gospel, or even through other believers but the devil the deceiver has also been able to confuse and deceive other believers through these means. He has deceived and confused many through dreams, visions, and mostly through prophets. The devil comes like the angel of light so just to deceive them.

And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an Angel of light.

2Corinthians 11:14

So it is important that we understand the characteristics of the voice of God so that when we hear voices or see visions we can discern and act rightly.

Characteristics of the voice of God

1. The voice of God is always consistent with the written word of God: Any voice that is not consistent or in line with the word of God is not the voice of God. Any voice that tells you to engage in any business or idea that is not consistent with the word of God is not the voice of God.

2. The voice of God is consistent with what he previously told you: The voice of God is not discon nected from what he previously spoke to you. It builds on the past and existing instructions.

3. The voice of God brings peace: The voice of God does not bring fear; rather it brings peace and

faith. The bible says that faith comes from the word of God. Any voice that speaks to you and brings fear is not from God.

4. ***The voice of God brings direction:*** The voice of God does not bring confusion or worry, it brings direction. Some people were once settled, living a life of peace and joy in Christ until they had some visions and dreams that have put their lives in confusion. Some have heard voices that have given them mental imbalance and when asked, they said they heard from God. The voice of God will never make a person mad or mentally unbalanced. Throughout scriptures, no man who heard from God was confused, rather the voice of God gave them direction and rest and even today, his voice is still giving direction to believers all around the world because Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever.

5. ***The voice of God convicts:*** The voice of God does not condemn, it convicts. To convict according the Encarta dictionary is to expose wrong, or to show somebody to be at fault, so the voice God of exposes our wrong and shows us where we went wrong so that we can change.

How to respond to the voice of God

When God speaks to you, how you respond is very important if you want to continue hearing his voice. As humans, how people respond to us when we speak to them, will determine whether or not we will continue talking with them or to them. If they respond appropriately, we will probably continue relating with them, but if they despise and ignore us, we might stop communicating with them. In the same way, how we respond to God determines whether he will keep speaking to us. Therefore, we need to learn the

right way to respond to Him when he does speak to us.

1. We must respond joyfully: When God speaks, you should respond joyfully, sometimes he may speak to encourage you and at other times He may even warn or chastise you. Whenever He speaks to you, respond with joy, celebrating his wisdom. Also, when he rebukes, corrects or chastises you, it is good to be sober, broken and contrite but you must not remain in that state. Any voice or feeling that wants to keep you sorrowful and broken is not from God.

> ***For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.***
>
> ***Romans 14:17***

So when God corrects you, you should receive his correction with a broken heart and thereafter celebrate his love and mercy because the Bible says that God meets or makes an appointment with a man that rejoices.

> ***Thou meetest him that rejoiceth and worketh righteousness.***
>
> ***Isaiah 64:5***

2. When God speaks, you must be prompt and quick to obey: When you hear the voice of God, quick compliance and obedience to his instructions activates his commitment to the fulfilment of his word to you. Some believers have received instructions from God to do something or go places but they have not obeyed and some others who eventually do are slow and they end up missing out on what God promised, yet then they complain or wonder if it was really God that spoke.

3. When you receive the voice of God, you must obey completely: Partial obedience is the same as not obeying at all so when you hear the voice of God, you must obey totally without reservation. Do not act like King Saul who did not totally carry out the instructions of the Lord to destroy all the Amalekites.

> ***But Saul and the people spared Agag, and the best of the sheep, and of the oxen, and of the fatlings, and the lambs, and all that was good, and would not utterly destroy them: but every thing that was vile and refuse, that they destroyed utterly.***
>
> ***1Samuel 15:9***

His partial obedience was the beginning of his fall from Grace

> ***And Samuel said unto Saul, I will not return with thee: for thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, and the LORD hath rejected thee from being king over Israel.***
>
> ***1Samuel 15:26***

Thus, if you must prosper the God way, you must position yourself to hear God, respond joyfully to His voice, be prompt to do as He says, and obey completely. These are non-negotiable in obtaining the God kind of prosperity.

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