

DIFFERENT WAYS GOD SPEAKS

(Job 33: 14-15)

1. Scripture

Scripture is one of the primary sources through which God Speaks to us. A verse or portion of scripture is quickened by the Spirit and it is received as a spoken word into our spirit. This spoken word is known as the '*Rhema* word'. It may not necessarily be in the context of Scripture but the '*Rhema* word' is actually designed to speak directly into our current situations or circumstances.

2. Prophecy

When God uses human channels to speak to us, it is known as prophecy. The person could be operating in a gift of prophecy or he may be in the ministry office of a Prophet.

3. Vision

Our thoughts and imaginations are also faculties through which we receive visions. Pictures can be dropped into our thoughts by a mere glimpse or more lasting and clearer pictures can also be received in our spirit.

4. Dreams

Pictures or scenes are usually the substance of dreams and God uses them to communicate to us while we are asleep. They may appear in a series or in consecutive scenes and often require interpretation as they could be symbolic and in some cases could be literal.

5. Inner Voice

This is the still small voice that can be heard in our spirit.

6. Conscience

This is a faculty to help us make judgments usually on moral matters. The Spirit influences our conscience to discern right from wrong and also to give clarity when making decisions.

7. Counsel

Counsel is received through matured and sound individuals through whom God may wish to speak.

8. Thoughts

Our thoughts can be more productive with a renewed mind as this will help us perceive His thoughts more easily.

9. Feelings

Even feelings are not to be dismissed as they can capture impressions and put thoughts in our mind.

10. Angels

They can appear in dreams, visions and also bodily with a message.

11. Audible

It is a clear external voice like a person speaking.

12. Signs and Events

God uses varying situations and circumstances to draw our attention or to speak to us.

These are some of many ways that God speaks to us so it is important for us to be sensitive and recognize these ‘God’ moments (*Genesis 28:16*). We need to position our spirit in the Supernatural realm and this requires a conscious effort on our part to make this shift. It calls for a radical change in our priorities in our relationship with God. The following needs to be observed:

- a. Increase in personal prayer life and also meditation on His word.
- b. Keeping a check on our motives and attitudes.

This kind of consistency will help make the radical change to our spiritual life thus enabling our spiritual senses to accurately perceive God’s message for us.

John 5:30 [AMP]

I am able to do nothing from Myself [independently, of My own accord – but only as I am taught by God and as I get His orders]. Even as I hear, I judge [I decide as I am bidden to decide. As the voice comes to Me, so I give a decision], and My judgment is right (just, righteous), because I do not seek or consult My own will [I have no desire to do what is pleasing to Myself, My own aim, My own purpose] but only the will and pleasure of the Father Who sent Me.