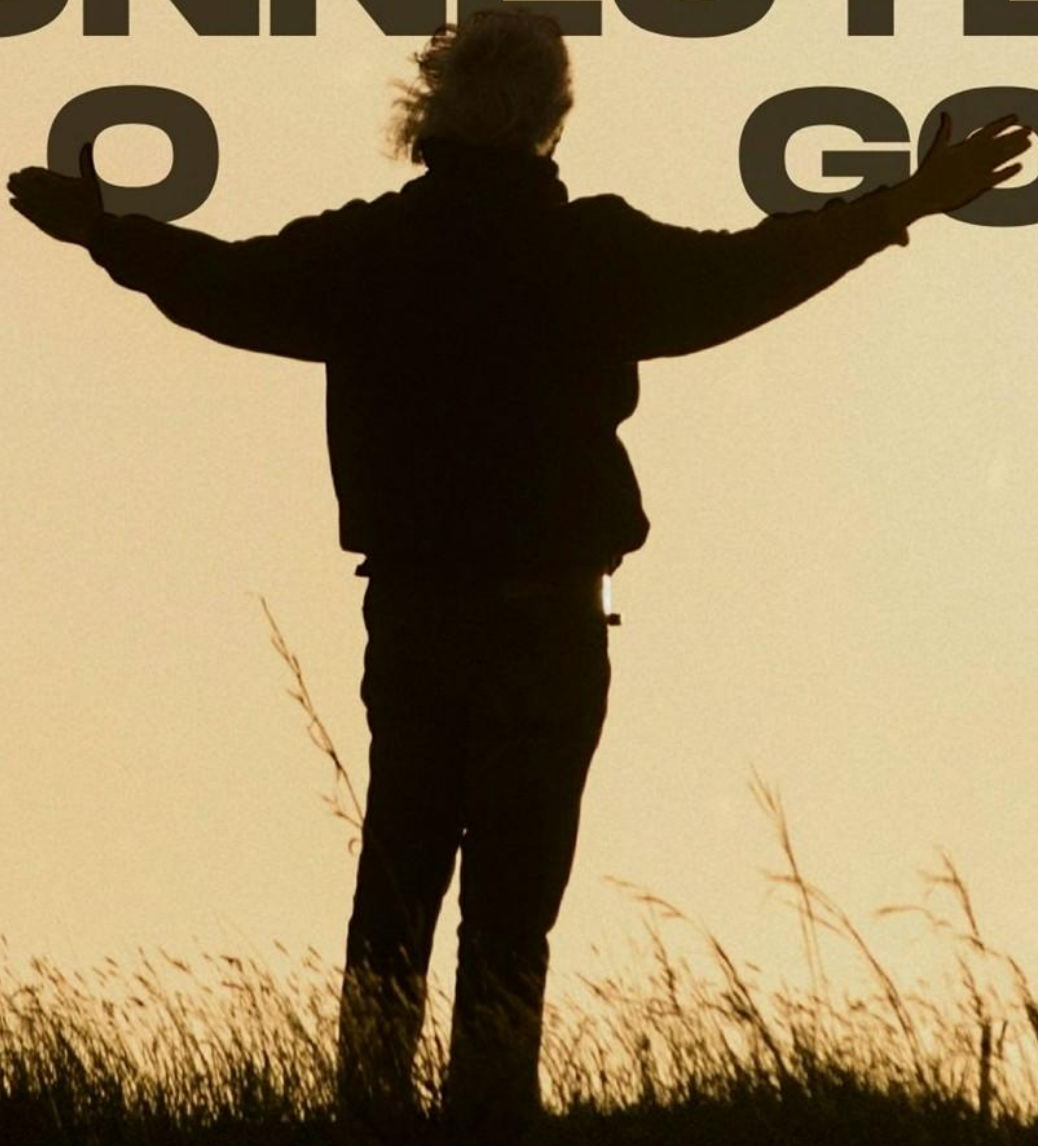


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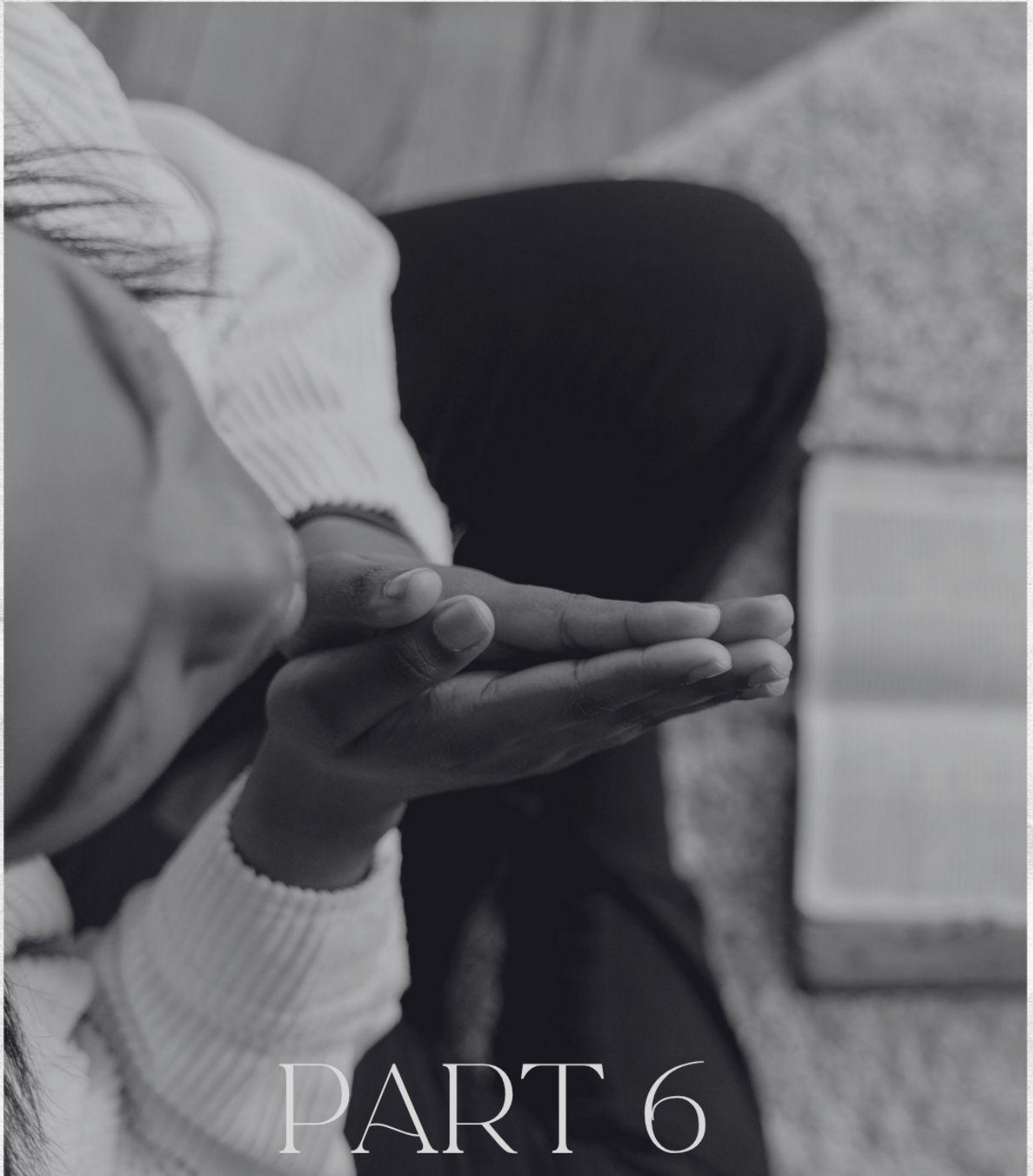
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COMMUNION WITH GOD



PART 6

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HOW DO WE HEAR THE RHEMA WORD THAT GOD SPEAKS DIRECTLY TO US?

Jesus said, "My sheep hear my voice." But, H-O-W does this in actual fact happen?

For years I looked for the answer to this question. At times I thought I had it and then I would question again as to whether I in actual fact had found the answer.

MY PROBLEM was that in pursuit of hearing His voice, all I seemed to hear were all sorts of different THOUGHTS that passed through my mind, and the last thing that I wanted to be guilty of, was of calling my thoughts God's voice. On one occasion I was sure I had heard his voice audibly - when He called me into the ministry - I didn't miss it that time. I have never doubted His call. But since then, through over 25 years of ministry, I had led my people according to what I felt was the leading of the Holy Spirit and yet for all that, I was in actual fact hearing His voice and endeavouring to respond in obedience and yet I didn't seem to be able to explain HOW I heard it.

What helped me to begin to understand it, was the realisation that...

ALL THOUGHTS IN OUR MINDS ARE NOT OUR THOUGHTS!

But, surely all the thoughts that go through my mind must be my thoughts?

When I took time to carefully consider this I was faced with the fact that I needed to revise my view. Let me explain how this happened.

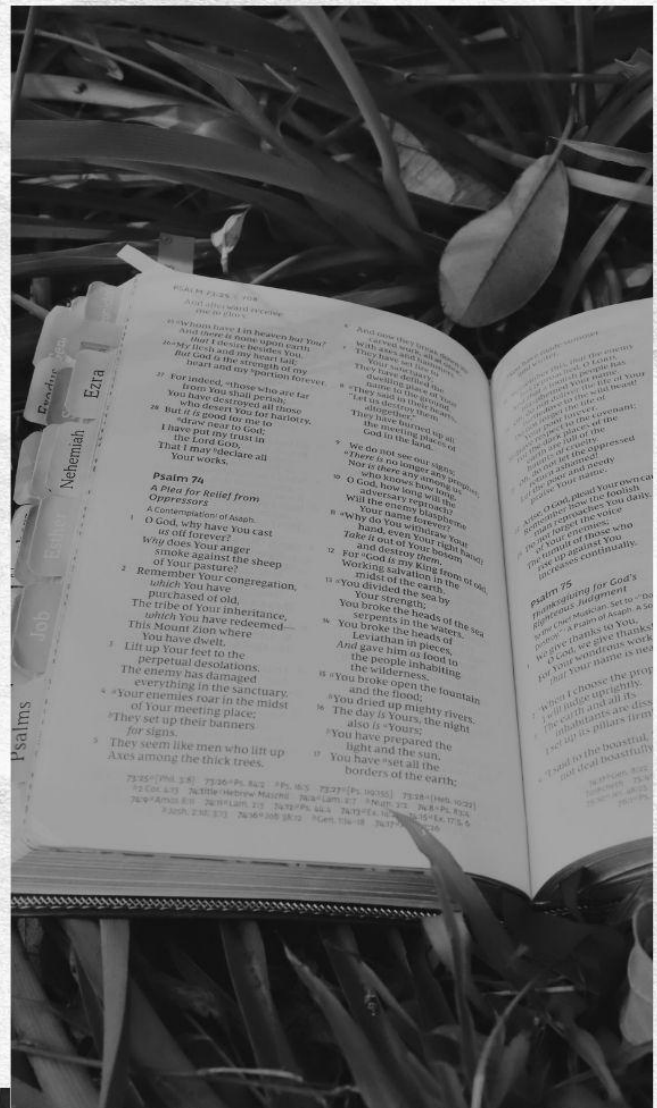
First of all, I realised that SATAN IS ABLE TO PLACE THOUGHTS IN OUR MINDS - temptations. This is exactly what he did to Jesus in the temptation in the wilderness.

(Matthew 4:1-11). It was Satan who placed the thought in the mind of Judas to betray the Lord. It was Satan that placed the thought in the minds of Ananias and Sapphira to lie to the Holy Spirit about the amount of the donation that they were placing at the apostle's fee (Acts 5:3).

Yes, Satan is able to place thoughts in our minds. If we handled most temptations in the light of this we would experience a lot more victory!

Secondly, GOD IS ABLE TO PLACE THOUGHTS IN OUR MINDS! This is implied by Jesus in Matthew 10:19 and 20, where He said that when we are taken before magistrates we must not be anxious about what we will say, for it will be given us in that hour. Here the Lord undertakes to place within us the thoughts that we will need to verbalise before the magistrates.

This is what takes place in the exercising of the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Be it a word of wisdom or of knowledge or a prophecy or an interpretation, all comes to us by way of words or thoughts that the Holy Spirit places in our minds. In addition, we are



indwelt by the Holy Spirit Who speaks to us from within. He is also responsible for communicating to us the details of the "mind of Christ." Remember that the Bible says that we have the mind of Christ. Obviously, the Holy Spirit communicates Christ's mind to our minds through our spirits. Yes, the Holy Spirit is able to place thoughts in our minds.

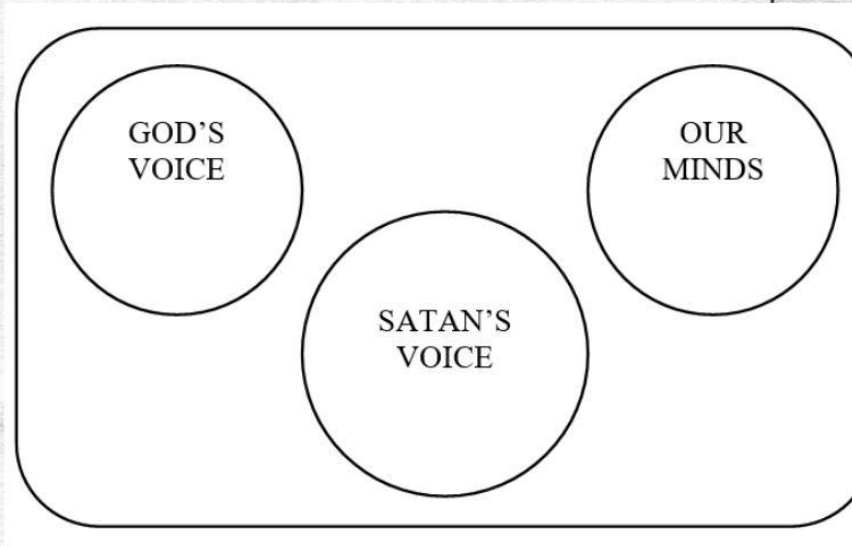
Thirdly, OUR OWN MINDS GENERATE THOUGHTS WITHIN US. This is evident.

The conclusion we must therefore draw is that there are AT LEAST THREE SOURCES for the thoughts that pass through our minds: God, Satan and ourselves.

THEREFORE, if we can discern which is which, we will be able to hear and recognise the voice of God.



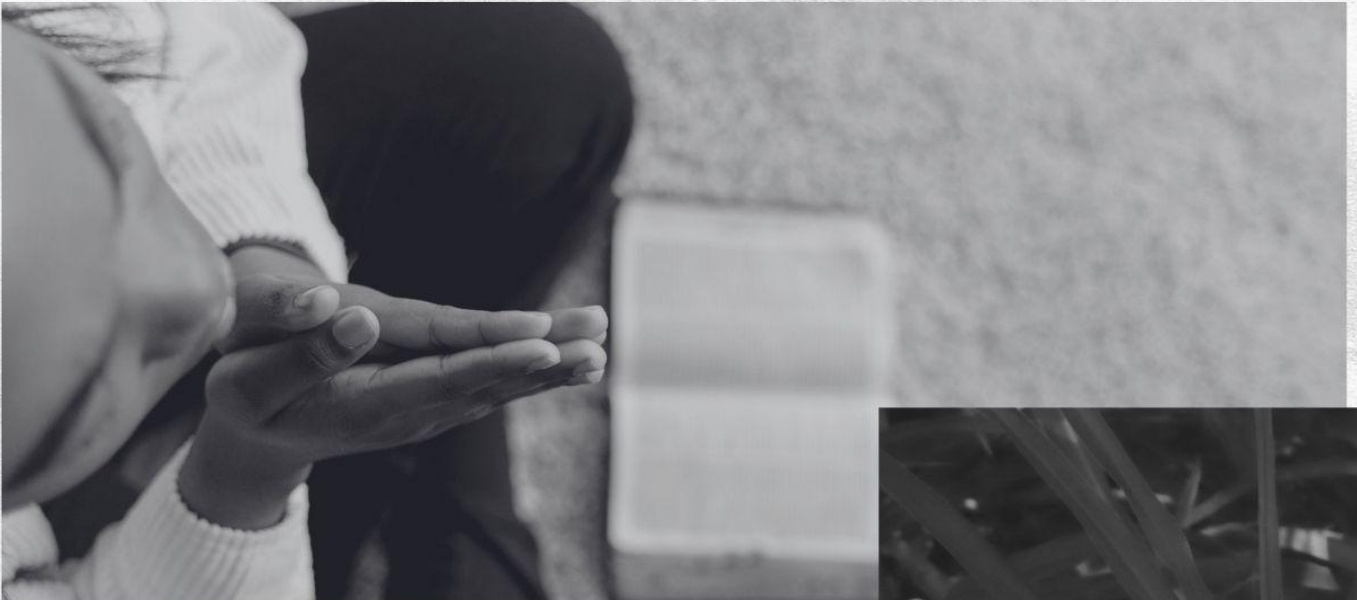
HOW CAN WE DISCERN BETWEEN THESE THREE DIFFERENT VOICES



WAYS OF TESTING

There are certain very effective ways of testing these three voices. The easiest one to deal with is the voice of Satan. His voice always carries messages that are consistent with his character. Mark Virkler suggests the following list of character traits of the Holy Spirit and of Satan. If what we are hearing, is characteristic of the left column then he would accept that it comes from the Holy Spirit. If it is characteristic of the right column, he would suggest that it comes from Satan.





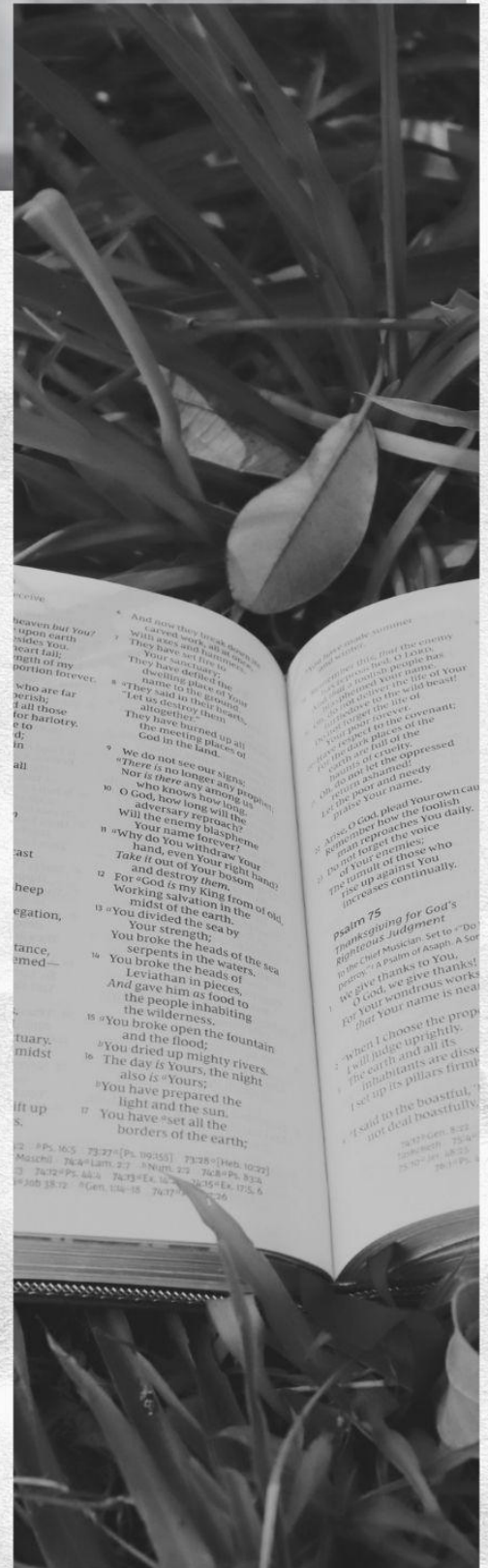
1. DIFFERENTIATE FIRSTLY BETWEEN THE HOLY SPIRIT'S AND SATAN'S VOICE

HOLY SPIRIT	SATAN
Edifier	Accuser
Comforter	Adversary
Teacher	Liar
Creator	Destroyer
Divine lover	Condemner
Healer	Thief
Giver of life	Murderer

For the born-again, spirit-filled Christian who has a good deposit of the Word of God in him, it is usually relatively easy to discern between the voice of the Holy Spirit and the voice of Satan.

2. LEARN TO DIFFERENTIATE BETWEEN THE REASONINGS OF THE MIND AND THE SPONTANEOUS THOUGHTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

In this regard I have been greatly helped by Mark Virkler who I shall now quote: "So I listened, as I have said, for the still, small voice, but all I heard were regular thoughts running through my mind. In desperation, I cried, 'Where are you, God?' Finally during a year of searching and studying, the Spirit brought revelation truth to my heart. He showed me that God's voice is sensed as a spontaneous idea appearing in my mind. The key word is SPONTANEOUS.





The voice of God is Spirit-to-spirit communication, the Holy Spirit speaking directly to my spirit. It is sensed as a spontaneous thought, idea, word, feeling or vision. Thoughts from my mind, on the other hand, are analytical and cognitive. I reason them out. Thoughts from my heart are spontaneous. It is an intuitive process.

I am not saying that every spontaneous thought is the Holy Spirit speaking to you. I AM saying that spontaneity is heart-level communication, and that analysis and reasoning are mind-level communication.

Do you remember a time, perhaps when you were driving, when suddenly someone's name popped into your mind and you just knew you were supposed to pray for him? You hadn't been thinking about that person at that time. The thought just "came out of nowhere"... This is the voice of God: a chance idea that intersects your mind, not flowing from the normal, meditative process, but simply appearing in your heart. This is God's voice – an idea from God lighting upon your heart and being registered in your mind as a spontaneous thought.

It was such an exciting revelation to me to realise that I had already heard God speaking to me! Though I had never heard an inner audible voice, I had been aware of ideas lighting on my mind. They had come simply as spontaneous thoughts. This finally taught me what to listen for to hear God's voice.

When I am listening for the Lord's voice, I am listening for spontaneous thoughts. I have also found that if I write out these intuitive thoughts, I am amazed at their wisdom when I re-read them. I am now convinced that I am hearing God's words to me."

So as we discern between these three voices we realise,

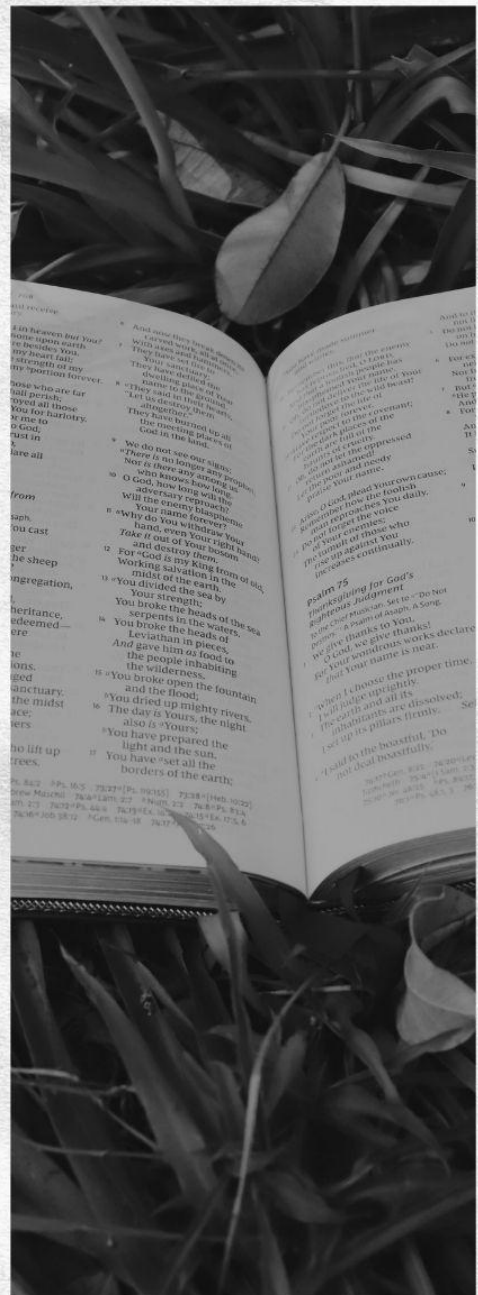
- 1) That Satan's voice is in line with his character.
- 2) That the voice from my own mind is analytical and cognitive and...
- 3) That the voice of the Holy Spirit is sensed as SPONTANEOUS THOUGHT, IDEA, WORD, FEELING OR VISION.

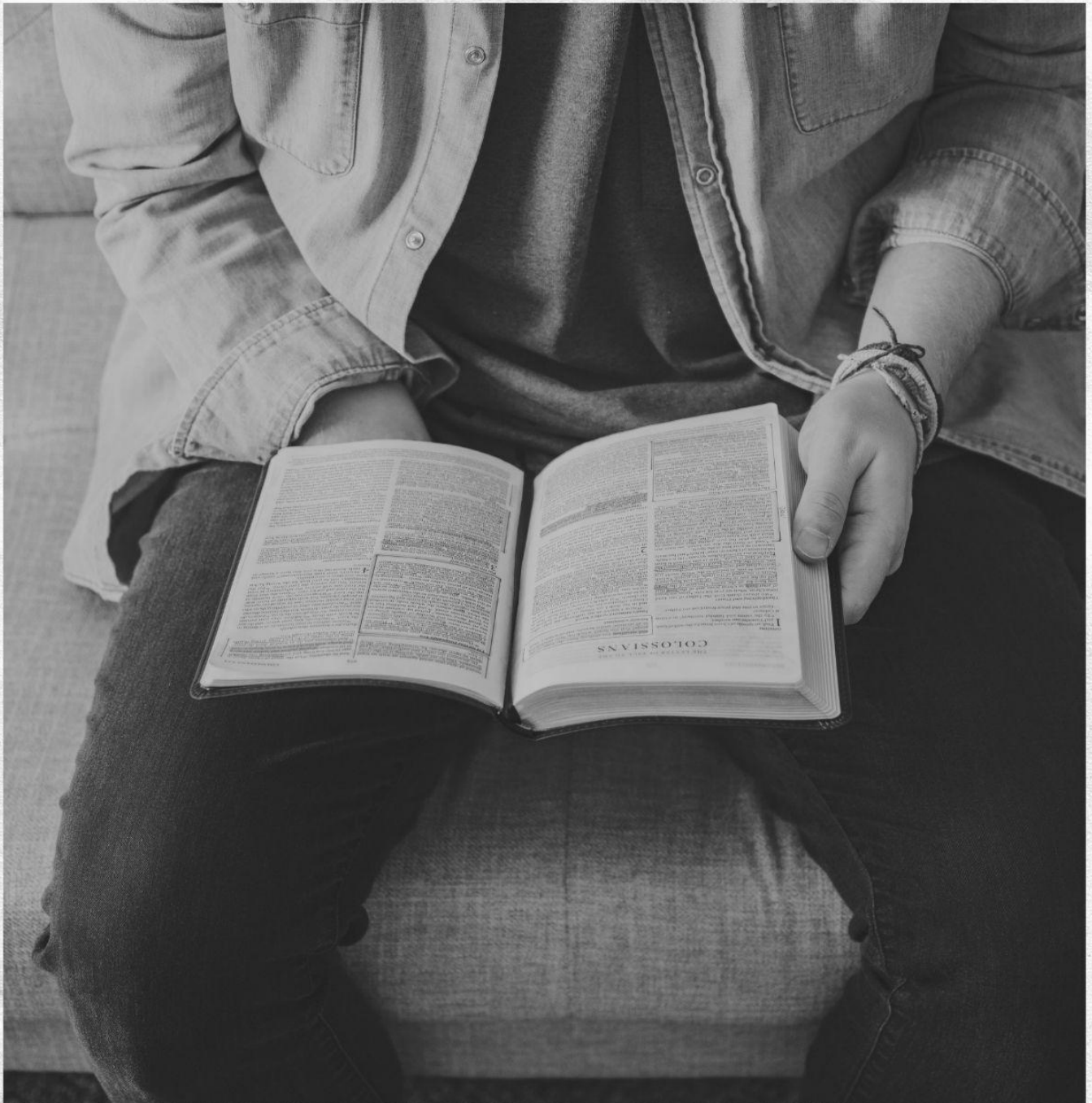
LET'S TAKE A CLOSER LOOK AT THE SPONTANEOUS VOICE OF GOD IN US

1. Because the Holy Spirit lives WITHIN us, we should expect to hear Him speak FROM WITHIN US.
2. We should EXPECT the flow of revelation and communication from the Holy Spirit within us to be like A CONSISTENTLY FLOWING RIVER.

Jesus said, in John 7:37 "In the last day, that great day of the Feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. 38 He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly (NIV says heart) shall FLOW RIVERS of living water. 39 (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)"

3. It would appear that this spontaneous flow was present in the Old Testament as well. The O.T. Hebrew word meaning "to prophesy," literally means to "BUBBLE UP." The prophet therefore would establish contact with the Lord and then the message that he brought would spontaneously "bubble up" within him and then flow out to the people. It is interesting to note that the New Testament says we can all prophesy ("bubble up") (1 Corinthians 14:31). Obviously the source of that bubbling up is the river that is within us.





4. This also takes place in us when we get involved in INTERCESSION. The Old Testament Hebrew word for intercession is PAGA. It literally means "to strike or light upon by chance" or "an accidentally intersecting." This is what occurs as we are interceding for someone. We present the person before the Lord and then we wait for the Lord's spontaneously given instructions on how to pray for this person. Intuitively the Holy Spirit "pops" something up into our spirits that we were not actually thing about. This is an intersecting of our normal thought pattern. It's a word that "strikes or lights upon us by chance." It's a spontaneous thought or picture flowing from the river of God into our spirits. It's God's voice speaking to us!

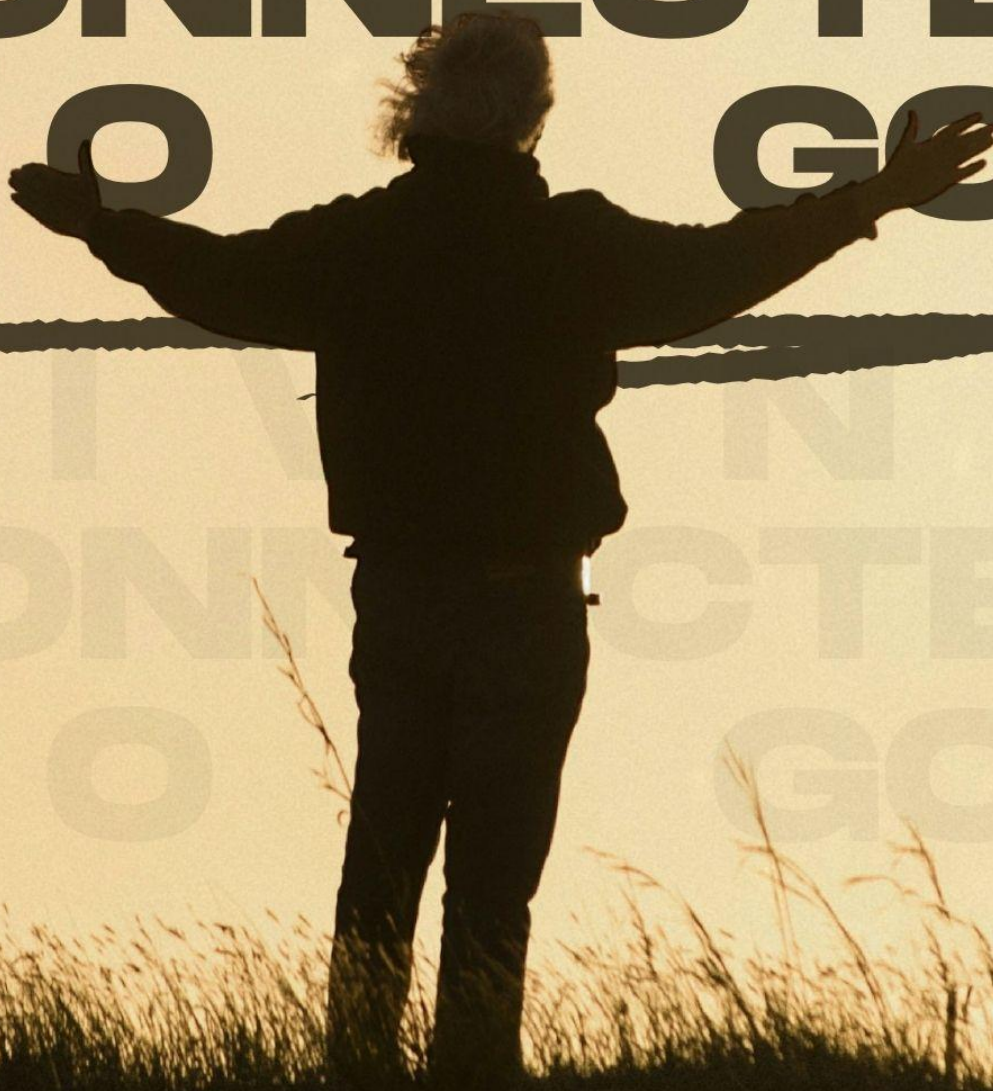
From the above four points we should expect,

1. God's voice to speak to us from within.
2. God's voice in us to be like a consistently flowing river.
3. God's voice to BUBBLE UP within us as it did in the prophets.
4. God's voice to intersect our thinking as we intuitively hear from Him.

One of the greatest privileges we have as believers is that we can enjoy a living relationship with God. Christianity is not simply about religion, rules, or traditions, it is about being connected to the living God. Through Jesus Christ, the barrier between God and man has been removed. We are no longer separated from Him; we have direct access into His presence. This connection is not something we earn, it is a gift of God's grace. Because we are connected to Him, we never have to face life alone. Whatever we may be facing, we have Someone we can turn to at any moment. The more we remain connected to God, the more we experience His life, His strength, and His peace.

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JESUS MADE THE CONNECTION POSSIBLE

Everything changed because of Jesus. Through His death and resurrection, He opened the way for us to come to the Father.

Hebrews 10:19

'Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus...'

Before Christ, access to God was limited. Today we can come boldly into His presence. We don't have to wonder if God will receive us - we are welcomed because of Jesus. Every blessing we enjoy begins with this wonderful truth: we have access to God.



WE CAN SPEAK TO GOD AT ANY TIME

One of the greatest blessings of our relationship with God is that we can speak to Him whenever we need to. Prayer is not a religious exercise, it is a conversation with our Heavenly Father.

Philippians 4:6

'Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God.'

We can bring every concern, every fear, every disappointment and every joy to Him. Nothing is too big for Him and nothing is too small for Him. God delights when His children come to Him. Never underestimate the power of prayer. It keeps our hearts connected to the One Who holds all things together.

GOD IS OUR CONSTANT HELP

God never intended that we should face life in our own strength. He invites us to depend on Him.

Psalm 46:1

'God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.'

Psalm 121:1-2

'My help comes from the LORD, Who made heaven and earth.'

God is not a distant observer. He is a present help. He understands every challenge we face. When we feel weak, He gives strength. When we don't know what to do, He gives wisdom. Because we are connected to Him, His help is always available.

GOD IS OUR DELIVERER

Throughout Scripture we see God rescuing His people. He delights in bringing freedom where people are bound.

Psalm 34:4

'I sought the LORD, and He answered me; He delivered me from all my fears.'

Psalm 107:6

'Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and He delivered them from their distress.'

Sometimes God changes our circumstances. Sometimes He changes us in the middle of our circumstances. Either way, He is our Deliverer. Whatever has been holding you back, God is able to bring you through.

GOD BRINGS HEALING

God is concerned with every part of our lives. He brings healing to our bodies, our hearts, our minds and our souls.

Psalm 103:2–3

'Forget not all His benefits... Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases.'

Psalm 30:2

'O LORD my God, I cried out to You, and You healed me.'

Sometimes healing comes instantly. Sometimes it comes as God gently restores us over time. Never stop believing that God is able to heal and restore. His heart is always towards bringing life.

NOTHING CAN SEPARATE US FROM HIS LOVE

One of the greatest assurances we have is that God's love never changes. His love is not based on our performance. It is rooted in His character.

Romans 8:38–39

**'Neither death nor life... nor anything else
in all creation, will be able to separate us
from the love of God which is in Christ
Jesus our Lord.'**

One of the greatest assurances we have is that God's love never changes. His love is not based on our performance. It is rooted in His character.

WE LIVE UNDER HIS COMPASSION

God is not indifferent to our struggles, He sees our pain. He understands our weakness. He is moved with compassion toward His children.

Psalm 103:13

**'As a father has compassion on his children, so the
LORD has compassion on those who fear Him.'**

Psalm 116:5
'The LORD is gracious and righteous; yes, our God is full of compassion.'

His compassion means He comes alongside us- He comforts, strengthens and restores us. No matter what you are facing today, His compassionate heart is turned towards you.



REMAIN CLOSE TO HIM

A healthy relationship requires closeness. God invites us to walk with Him every day.

James 4:8
'Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.'

The more time we spend with Him, the stronger our relationship becomes. Stay connected through prayer. Stay connected through His Word. Stay connected through worship. Stay connected through obedience. A life lived close to God is a life marked by peace, strength, and confidence.



CONCLUSION

What an incredible privilege it is to belong to God. Through Jesus Christ we have direct access to our Heavenly Father. We can speak with Him, receive His help, experience His healing, walk in His love, and rest in His compassion. Don't neglect this wonderful relationship. Stay close to Him every day. The closer we walk with God, the more we discover that everything we truly need is found in Him. May we live each day fully connected to the One Who will never leave us nor forsake us.

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What does it mean to

INHERIT SALVATION

(Hebrews 1:14)?

Hebrews 1:14 states that angels are “ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation.” The writer of Hebrews deliberately uses the language of inheritance to echo Jesus’ teaching that salvation is not simply an escape from judgment but entails entering and possessing a kingdom prepared for the sons and daughters of God (Matthew 5:3–10; 9:29; 25:34).

Understanding this concept of inheritance helps believers grasp God’s gift of salvation. In Scripture, inheritance is closely connected to sonship, promise, and future possession. In Hebrews 1:14, the word “inherit” is translated from the Greek verb *klēronomeō*, meaning “to obtain, possess, or acquire after one’s own death by legal right as an heir.” The term conveys that salvation is not only a present reality but also a promised one awaiting full enjoyment in eternity. To inherit salvation, as Hebrews 1:14 describes, is to receive from God a guaranteed future share in His kingdom—a gift of His grace, secured through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ (Ephesians 2:8–9; Titus 3:5–7).

Throughout the New Testament, inheritance belongs to children. The apostle Paul writes that believers are adopted as God’s “own children” (Romans 8:15, NLT) and are “heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ” (Romans 8:17). Our inheritance is tied to our adoption into God’s family as His children (Galatians 4:4–7). Peter adds that Christians “have a priceless inheritance—an inheritance that is kept in heaven... pure and undefiled, beyond the reach of change and decay” (1 Peter 1:4, NLT). Salvation has a future dimension yet to be apprehended, involving the redemption of our earthly bodies, which will be transformed into glorious bodies like Christ’s own (Romans 8:23–25; Philippians 3:20–21).

The kingdom of God was the central theme of Christ’s teaching. He declared, “Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the creation of the world” (Matthew 25:34, NLT). Jesus consistently taught that salvation involves inheriting the kingdom or “eternal life” (Matthew 19:29). He said, “God blesses those who are poor and realise their need for him, for the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs” (Matthew 5:3, NLT). He told Nicodemus, “No one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again” (John 3:3). Christ’s parables, sermons, and teachings on final judgment all center on the kingdom as the ultimate blessing of salvation.

¹ Praise the name of the LORD
² Blessed be the name of the LORD
From this time forth
and forevermore!
³ From the rising of the sun
to its going down,
The LORD's name is to be praised.

⁴ The LORD is ^ahigh above all nations,
^bHis glory above the heavens.
⁵ Who is like the LORD,
Who dwells on high,
⁶ Who humbles Himself
The things that are in

For You are with
Your rod and Your
they comfort

You ^aprepare a table
the presence of
You ^banoint my head
over

Forgiveness of sins is essential, but it is not the end of our story. Here and now, believers are being transformed by God's Spirit into the image of His Son (1 Thessalonians 4:3–7; 2 Corinthians 3:18; Philippians 1:6). The Holy Spirit is “a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance” until our full and final redemption (Ephesians 1:13–14; see also 2 Corinthians 1:22; 5:5). The believer's inheritance is like receiving an advanced, full-access pass to God's kingdom. When we accept Christ's salvation, we are marked with a seal, or, so to speak, given our ticket. In the life to come in God's heavenly kingdom, we will experience the fullness of His reign and presence forever.

While believers already experience aspects of salvation now, Hebrews calls attention to its future completion. The book speaks of a coming “rest for the people of God” (Hebrews 4:9–11, ESV), a “better country—a heavenly one” (Hebrews 11:16), and a “kingdom that cannot be shaken” (Hebrews 12:28). All born-again believers are set to inherit salvation as an eternal, stable, and glorious home. Angels serve Christians because their destiny is royal—they are heirs of God's unshakable kingdom.

Inheriting salvation means receiving all that God has promised His people in Christ. It includes becoming God's children by adoption, receiving eternal life in God's presence, entering Christ's Kingdom, participating in the glory of the resurrection, and enjoying the new creation. Salvation means more than escaping judgment; it is inheriting the fullness of God's redemptive plan.

The New Testament repeatedly calls believers “heirs.” They are “heirs of the promise” (Hebrews 6:17; see also Galatians 3:29) and “heirs according to the hope of eternal life” (Titus 3:7, ESV). James writes that God has “chosen those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and to inherit the kingdom he promised those who love him” (James 2:5). Salvation is the inheritance of those who love God and trust in Christ.

Christians live in the tension of already possessing and yet to be obtained. We are already forgiven, already adopted, already citizens of heaven, yet we wait for our full inheritance—glorification, resurrection, and participation in Christ's reign. To inherit salvation means receiving the completed work of God's plan: the kingdom in all its fullness. It is the culmination of God's promises and the destiny of all who belong to Jesus.

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