God Spoke To Me

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INTRODUCTION

- Back when we were taught that prayer was us speaking to God, and Scripture was God speaking to us.
- Does God have a specific will for each of our lives? And more importantly, we had to find it.
- The question is not, did God speak to men? The question is when he did, how he did, and why he did.

1 What We Know For Sure

2 Peter 1:20–21; 1 Corinthians 4:6; Hebrews 1:1–2

- The final court of appeals determining the identity of the voice of God is Scripture itself.
- No one in Scripture was admonished to seek direct experiences with God, but they were continually urged to turn to the Word of God.
- But when Philip arrives miraculously, what does he do? He turns to scripture, not to inner voices.
- Do not exceed what is written. 1 Corinthians 4 and verse 6. What is written, what was confirmed miraculously by the Holy Spirit, that is objective. That is reliable. That is authoritative.
- In these last days, He has spoken to us in his son.
- These were unique occasions in Scripture. Not the norm.

2 What We May Not Know For Sure

Genesis 50:19–20; 1 Corinthians 7:39–40

- What about discerning God's will? Regarding such things as where we are going to attend school, the choice of our vocation, or even more importantly, whom to marry.
- Now, without question, God is working behind the scenes in the lives of his people, but how's that going to play out in our circumstances?
- You meant it for evil, but God meant it for good.
- He leaves all of these decisions up to people. He doesn't ask them to divine the will of God.
- New Testament Christians did not always operate from a position of absolute certainty.
- Finding in this sense is really a form of divination.

3 What We Can Absolutely Trust

Deuteronomy 29:29; 2 Corinthians 5:7; Ephesians 5:17

- If you are serving in the will of God, it is important.
- The secret things belong to Jehovah, and they always have, and they always will. But the things that have been revealed, Moses says, belong to you and your sons forever.

- This business of divining the will of God or trying to figure out which direction I ought to go and listening for a voice from God. You know what that really is? That's walking by sight.
- We make decisions to the best of our ability with the wisdom that we're to be asking God for, James chapter 1 and verse 5.
- Be not foolish or unwise. But understand what the will of the Lord is.
- The goal is not a cosmic treasure hunt to find the will of God, but we are simply admonished to do the will of God in our circumstances.

THE CHALLENGE

This is the voice from heaven right here. Are you following it? Are you listening to it? Do you need to respond to it.

MY NOTES