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HEARING FROM GOD

This question is asked often, "How do I hear from God?" Good question, right? The Lord speaks to us mostly through His word, the bible. In John 1:1 it says, ***"In the beginning was the word, and the word was with God and the word was God." The word "word" is the Greek word "logos",*** which means something said, divine expression, [Christ] communication. So, you see that Jesus, himself, is the Word.

We hear **first** of all from God through reading and hearing His word. In II Timothy 3:16-17 it says ***"¹⁶ all scripture is given by inspiration (Gr. Pneuma or God breathed) of God, and is profitable for doctrine (Gr. Didaskalia – teaching) for reproof (evidence or conviction) for correction (tutorage as by education or training: by implication disciplinary correction, , chastening, chastisement, instruction, nurture) in righteousness (right living) ¹⁷ That the man of God may be perfect ((complete or mature) thoroughly furnished unto all good works."***

Secondly, we hear from God through anointed preaching because it says in Romans 10:17, ***"So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."*** Just hearing the words from the bible spoken in your ears brings faith. You can read it to yourself out loud, and faith will come.

Thirdly, we can hear from God through a prophetic word spoken. It will always line up with your spirit and will never contradict what the Word in the Bible says. When you receive a prophetic word, pray over what you have heard. If it witnesses with your spirit then receive it, if not discard it.

Fourthly, you will hear the voice of the Holy Spirit (who is God, part of the trinity) speaking to your spirit. It will be in your "knower", or your thoughts. This too will never contradict what the bible says. It tells us in John 14:26, ***"But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you."*** Again, in John 16:13 it says, ***"Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak, and he will show you things to come."***

Fifthly, on rare occasions God will speak to you audibly. Do not go looking for this; because Satan can disguise the voice of God. You will recognize it is the voice of God because there will be a witness in your spirit, and it will never contradict the Word of God in the bible.

So, you can see there are many ways to hear from God. He wants to speak to you; the key is to listen. I would advise you to start first by reading the Bible. The best place to begin is in the book of John, then read the book of Acts. Genesis let's you know how everything started, and Exodus shows God's plan unfolding. When you get to Leviticus it can bog you down with all of the Levitical laws. So, take time to read, but also take time to just sit and think on how much God loves you and listen to Holy Spirit. You can never go wrong being in the presence of God!