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HOW DO WE KNOW WHEN GOD IS SPEAKING?

Quite often people have asked me, how do I know it is God speaking to me? That certainly is a good question, because we need to know if it is God or not that we are listening to.

The surest way to know if it is God is if it lines up with the scriptures. If you are hearing something contrary to the scriptures, then you know it isn't God. Satan has always twisted scripture and God's word from the beginning. Look how it did it with Adam and Eve. They had walked with God. They knew His voice. There was no one there but the two of them and God until Satan entered the garden. He will always come with **"Hath God said?"** like he did in Genesis 3:1. He came in, twisted God's words, they listened, and they sinned. It was as simple as that.

When Jesus was in the wilderness fasting for 40 days, Satan showed up with twisted scriptures again. Jesus defeated Satan by speaking the word. He learned the scriptures as a human being just like you and me. By hiding God's word in his heart, he did not sin. Psalm 119:11 says exactly that, **"Thy word have I hid in my heart, that I might not sin against thee."** By hiding the word in our heart, we have the weapon to defeat Satan when he speaks.

I was taught years ago about counterfeit money. They did not show me a counterfeit bill. They showed me the real thing, and I learned through sight and touch. When you know the genuine it is easy to spot the counterfeit.

There is more than one way that God speaks. He speaks through the inner witness, as well as through his word. Satan speaks to our minds also but remember he will twist the "word" to suit his purpose. God never pushes. He leads. Satan always pushes, to make us quickly do the wrong thing.

Don't be in a hurry to make any decision if you are praying. Seek God through His word, and through the inner witness, then proceed with the action. The more you learn the word of God, the harder it is for Satan to deceive you.