

Catch



The Enthusiasm!

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## Introduction

The following are Words the Lord spoke to me over a period of a few years. I believe He spoke to me this clearly because:

One: I was sincerely seeking Him and His wisdom, daily praying for wisdom, revelation, and insight with understanding, and,

Two: Because I practiced praying in the Spirit daily, along with believing for interpretation. I learned to do this from a wise older minister, who did this daily.

Usually I would pray in the spirit (unknown languages, a.k.a. tongues) in the morning, and then get up and go about my day, leaving the time of interpretation to the Lord. I had no expectation of when the Lord would give me an interpretation, but expected that He would. What generally happened was I would wake up in the

middle of the night, often around 3:00 am. and I would sense the strong presence of the Lord, and then He would begin to speak.

I don't mean an audible voice. I mean words that were not mine, that I was not thinking up on my own, would begin to flow up from within and be "spoken" inside me. It would be obvious that it was God speaking to me. I would grab pen and paper and write down what He said. He always gave me just a few words at a time. When I finished writing down those few words He would give me another few, and on and on until He was done. Often it would be ten or twelve pages later, which greatly surprised me.

Previously, I didn't take the Word seriously enough when it said to listen to His voice. I don't know what I thought that meant, but I didn't think it meant to literally have Him speak clear sentences, paragraphs and pages to me. I guess I was like most people and believed that He "spoke" to people by giving them a "feeling" of yes or no when ever they were in need of direction.

I have come to understand, however, that in order for me to be free I need much more than just a yes or no. I need some serious detailed instructions to follow. He has not told me to do

anything that conflicts with the Word, but knowing me personally, and knowing where I was missing it, He skillfully focused on the areas that I needed coaching in. As I have endeavored to do the things He has instructed me to do I have found my freedom has increased greatly.

I named this collection, "Catch The Enthusiasm" because this was a phrase He used in a conversation we had in September 2007. After He used this phrase I wondered if there was more to the meaning of the word than I knew. I looked it up in Webster's and was surprised to find this:

**Enthusiasm:** 1 a: Belief in special revelations of the Holy Spirit.

I wasn't surprised to find these:

2 a: strong excitement of feeling: **ARDOR**

b: something inspiring zeal or fervor

*Syn see:* **PASSION.**

I had no idea that enthusiasm was a *belief in special revelations of the Holy Spirit*. By that definition, I guess I would be called an enthusiast. Not someone who receives special revelations of the Holy Spirit that conflict with the Word/Bible, but someone who receives specific instructions related to their life that are in complete harmony

with the Bible. I believe we are supposed to hear directly from God and I believe Jesus taught this in His message recorded by the Apostle John.

In John 16:12-14 Jesus said, "I have many more things to say to you, but you cannot bear *them* now. But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come. He shall glorify Me; for He shall take of Mine, and shall disclose it to you."

Even though this clearly says He will "speak," I just had no frame of reference for that in my reality. I had all kinds of absent minded doctrine that told me that clearly being spoken to by God/Jesus/the Holy Spirit, wasn't available for me. Beliefs like: God only talked *back then*, He isn't talking *now*, or He only talks to people like Moses, not to regular people like me. The truth is that God wanted to talk to *all* the Israelites, but they were the ones who in essence said, *Moses, don't let Him talk to us lest we die. You talk to Him for us and tell us what He says.* That wasn't God's plan. Even under the old Covenant, when people were not spiritually born-again, He said if they listened to His voice and did what He said, He would bless

them in every way imaginable.

I looked up "voice" in my concordance and found a number of enlightening verses. Jeremiah 7:13 and Zechariah 7:13 were especially helpful. I wonder how God did that . . . made both these scriptures to be 7:13. This what they say,

Jeremiah 7:13 " . . . I spoke to you, rising up early and speaking, but you did not hear, and I called you but you did not answer."

Zechariah 7:13 "And it came about that just as He called and they would not listen, so they called and I would not listen, says the Lord of hosts;"

I wonder if that hits you like it hits me. Many people feel like god does not hear them. I wonder if it is because they don't hear Him. These verses imply that we are supposed to hear Him, and if we don't our chances of Him hearing us are slim.

I certainly understand a person being leery about someone hearing so clearly, especially if they themselves don't seem to. I was surprised by it myself. Jesus addressed my surprise in one of our conversations. Here is what He said.

*“Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me.”*

How do you expect to learn from Me if I don't speak to you? I am the living Word. The Lord speaks often; teaching and instructing, leading and guiding.

Enjoy it.

Embrace it.

Rejoice in it.

Teach it.

Come to me daily and listen with your heart.

Minds can get confused. Hearts hear with certainty.

Being led is not a crime.

Lack of leading is not a virtue.

Trust Me, as I trust you.

Don't take my word for it. Ask Him if it is okay for you to hear His voice clearly. He is well able to give you insight and understanding on this subject.

*Being a Doer of the Word.*

I have found that trying to implement His instructions in my own strength is an entire waste of time. I have repeatedly asked Him to help me to be a doer of the words He has spoken to me

here (and in the Bible), confessing that I have no ability to do them on my own. He has honored these requests gladly, as this is how He intends us to walk with Him, in total dependence on Him and His ability, humbly enjoying *His divine power granting us everything pertaining to life and godliness*. (Peter's definition of Grace in 2 Peter 1:3)

### Why a Book?

I put these in book form for myself, as I found trying to read these from hand written pages was laborious. I wanted them in a simple book form that I could refer to daily, along with my Bible. I initially shared them with a good friend and she asked permission to read them to other friends of hers. Without fail they all wanted to have a copy of whatever passage she had shared with them. The general response was that they felt that these words really sharpened and inspired them and they wanted to be able to read them again and again.

I have come to see that though certain passages were spoken directly to me, for me, most of what was spoken also applies to any and every believer. He has instructed me to teach these truths to others and sharing them in print is certainly one

way to do that.

I considered sharing this anonymously so that people wouldn't think I was trying to draw attention to myself, and also to avoid the inevitable harassment by those who will be sure I am channeling some evil spirit and not hearing from God at all, but I have quoted passages from the things Jesus has spoken to me so many times that it wouldn't take long for people to learn the source, so I decided to just be humble and bold and put this out there unabashedly. I hope these words witness to you as being from the Father's heart to yours.

I also hope that those who read will consider doing as I have done and taking some time each day to pray in the spirit and believe they interpret, and see what happens. I believe He will speak directly to you, just as He has done with me. I believe we are all supposed to hear and recognize His voice and follow Him, our Good Shepherd, and I believe that means more than hearing what He spoke to others in the Bible, who heard directly from Him. I believe we are all supposed to hear as clearly as they did.

Consider what Jesus said in John 5, 39-40 NAS

**“You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; it is these that testify about Me; and you are unwilling to come to Me so that you may have life.”**

This is still true for many believers. They believe in an historical Jesus, and even though they are born-again, they rely solely on the Bible to guide them, whereas Jesus clearly stated that the Holy Spirit would speak to us and guide us into all truth.

Also, in the book of Revelation Jesus said that He and the Father stand at the door and knock waiting to come in and dine with us. I know this scripture is used as an evangelistic scripture, but it was written to the church. Jesus is waiting for believers to open the door so He can come in and fellowship with them. He is a real person and we each can have real conversations with Him.

Have you ever wondered how the Apostle John or others could write down exactly what Jesus said to them when He appeared to them, or how Old Testament Prophets could write down word for word a message from God? I used to wonder. I thought maybe God gave them supernatural ability to remember what He said to them. Now,

however, based on my experience, and that of others, I believe He just spoke slowly enough for them to write it down. Plain and simple.

As you adventure in hearing more clearly from the Lord, it is wise to have pen and paper close at hand so that when He begins to speak you don't have to scramble around looking for these items.

Also, know that this is not automatic writing, or channeling. These things occur in occult realms and the information that comes forth is a mixture of truth and error and does not glorify Jesus and brings confusion and arrogance, and often a spirit of suicide because it is propagated by the lord of death, whose end desire is for us to die, both physically and spiritually.

I had a neighbor at one time who was a big "abraham" fan. Not the Bible's Abraham, but a counterfeit "abraham," who speaks through a woman by the name of Hicks. The teachings sound lovely on the surface, and if you don't know God you would find it difficult to distinguish between the truth and the truckloads of error being preached.

His message is one that tickles the ears and my neighbor listened to tapes of abraham daily. He

approached me, wanting me to be blessed with his spiritual concepts. I challenged the validity of a number of things that he believed that were pretty silly in my mind, but were cherished beliefs to him. Things like "whales and dolphins are holding our world together with their superior frequencies."

I exercised a great deal of control and didn't laugh out loud. He was so sincere. I simply asked him, "If that is true, that they are so superior to us, how is it that they cannot even avoid the fishing nets and spears of the fishermen?" His response was that the boats would sneak up on them from behind. My response was that they weren't very superior spiritually if they couldn't even perceive a boat in the water, when they have incredible radar capabilities.

Now you have to understand that this man was six foot four inches tall, and was a big construction worker guy, who was pretty confident about life. He would come over to my house, eager for a conversation and in just minutes his arms were crossed over his chest and he was leaning over his lap, his legs were crossed and he was rocking in his chair and then in short order he would be so tense that he would have to leave. He did this daily for

more than a week, whereupon he threw off the lies and embraced Christ. It was wondrous to be as part of his transition from darkness to light.

He revealed to me later that he had been listening to "abraham" daily and that he had been very confused because the more he listened to those tapes the more suicidal he felt. I wasn't surprised by this confession, as satan is the Lord of death, whose desire is to steal, kill and destroy, and his fallen angels have the same mission. Though their words sound lovely, the spirit behind them is death which means the fruit they produce is death and suicide.

My neighbor had purchased a shotgun and was very near to killing himself when he came to visit me and I began to challenge his beliefs. The truth of God saved his physical life and his spiritual life. He had been able to be deceived because he hadn't known the Bible well enough to check what he was hearing or being told, but when he heard the truth his heart recognized it and he embraced it with joy. The spirit of suicide left him and he was so joyful and it was spectacular to watch.

It is imperative that we know the Bible well enough that we can check any supernatural communication, making sure it agrees. The Living

Word will not contradict the written Word, ever. If what you think you hear conflicts with the Bible, then throw it out. It is a lie.

It is such an offense to me that this lying spirit calls himself "abraham." As believers we are Abraham's offspring, and heirs according to promise. God entered into a covenant with the real Abraham which stated that all Abraham had to do was trust God and listen to Him and God would bless him in every way a person can be blessed. Abraham honored that covenant to the point that when the Father required him to give his only son as a sacrifice, he immediately, without hesitation began to take steps to do so. God had already promised Abraham that through his son he would be a father of nations, or multitudes. He knew that God was faithful and if He was asking him to sacrifice his son He must have plans to raise him from the dead. He didn't flinch. He just obeyed, trusting in God's goodness and character.

Because Abraham was willing to sacrifice his son, God was then obligated to sacrifice His son. And now, because of the faithfulness of Abraham and Christ's sacrifice we can become partakers of the blessing of Abraham. We can receive the Spirit of

Christ and we can be blessed in all the ways that Abraham was blessed. He is our spiritual father.

According to those who have visited Paradise (like Jesse Duplantis) Abraham is the first person who greets you when you arrive. If it had not been for his faithfulness in his covenant with the Father, none of us would be able to enter Paradise. Well, I'm sure God would have found another way, but He didn't need to, as Abraham was faithful. I look forward to seeing him when I get there..

The unclean spirit that calls himself "abraham" does so intentionally. It is a blatant insult to God and an arrogant statement of this spirit's disdain for the ignorance of his listeners who know nothing of what belongs to them in Christ because of the real Abraham's faithfulness. I'm sure he is laughing even as he deceives them.

We need to know the Word well enough to avoid this kind of deception. Supernatural is not automatically good, or God. We need not fear to the point that we throw the baby out with the bath water, meaning, we avoid clearly hearing from God because we are afraid that we will be deceived by an unclean spirit. We do, however, need to be wise as serpents and know the Word well enough to recognize the voice of our good

Shepherd, and also to recognize the voice of the deceivers. Satan is able to present himself as an angel of light and his false love can be quite deceiving. Get to know God's real love, or you will not recognize the counterfeit.

We should also not be surprised that fallen angels can speak to people. God's holy Angels are messengers. If you look up every verse in the Bible that has the word angel in it you will see that they instruct, they speak, they appear in dreams, they appear in person, they guide, they guard, they feed, they strengthen, etc. This is what their job is. They perform God's word.

Well, fallen angels can do all the same stuff. They can speak and be heard and they can weaken us, instead of strengthening us. They can confuse and interfere and they can pretend to be good guys. It is important to have correct doctrine regarding angels, both the holy Angels and the fallen angels.. Ignorance of their abilities leaves you vulnerable to deception. Knowledge of the truth regarding Angels will increase your freedom. Jesus said that knowledge of truth sets us free. All truth increases freedom. All ignorance increases bondage. Spiritual life is very black and white. Because of that it is very unwise to have an absent

minded faith.

So, what do you believe regarding your ability to be led by God's Spirit and by His holy Angels? Can He make Himself clearly heard? Can you clearly hear Him? What do you base your belief on; your experience, or His word?

It is good to answer these questions and be awake and know the truth. As the word says, "Many deceivers have gone out into the world." Do you know the voice of the Master well enough to recognize the voice of a deceiver. If you are not sure, then invite the Father to help you to become sure.

### *Small Beginnings.*

I noticed that as I listened and recorded the basic simple truths the Father spoke to me, He revealed more and more to me. You will notice that the beginning messages were shorter and simpler than later messages. I believe that as others, who have not already done so, make praying in the spirit and believing for interpretation a habit, and begin to interpret, they might find their experience is similar.

My experience the first couple of times was that I

would feel the Presence of God and life filled words would begin to flow up within me. Being inexperienced with this type of communication from God, I didn't immediately write it down. I didn't think He would say more than a few sentences and I thought I would easily remember it. The result, however, was that within seconds I couldn't remember the exact words He had spoken. I believe that is because they were coming from the Holy Spirit, up through my spirit, not through my natural mind and so my natural mind couldn't remember it verbatim. I learned to write it down immediately and I encourage others to do the same thing.

You will notice that the things He said to me weren't always flattering. I chose to leave those statements in because I believe that some who read will know that they apply to them also. The lovely thing about God is that He can correct you without devastating you. On the contrary, His corrections bring healing. I never feel judged or condemned by His correction. It is more like having a loving, expert coach to point out where you are missing it so you can correct and excel. With His help I have corrected and am seeing the great benefit of doing so.

I share the following with you with a heart of gratitude that the Lord does still speak and with the hope that His words will bring greater light and freedom to you as they have me.

Grateful for His voice,  
Donna Crow