

The Word of Faith

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GUIDED BY VISIONS

Proverbs 20:27, "The spirit of man is the candle of the Lord..."

Romans 8:16, "The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God."

Romans 8:14, "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God."

We are talking about how God guides us through our spirit. Understand that Jesus said, "God is a Spirit." He does not communicate with our physical being. He does not communicate with our mind, or through our mind. He communicates with us through our spirit. It is the spirit of man that contacts God, and God contacts us through our spirit.

It says here that "The spirit of man is the candle of the Lord." That means that God is going to use your own spirit to enlighten you, or to guide you, or to direct you. So as children of God, first of all the Holy Spirit - God's Spirit, the Spirit Himself - bears witness with our spirit that we are the children of God. He leads and guides us first of all through the inward witness.

Then He also leads by the inward voice. This inward voice can just be that still small voice of our own heart speaking to us. (Remember, your heart is your spirit.) Of course our spirits receive information

from God, because we have the nature of God in us if we are His children. But the inward voice can also be the Holy Spirit speaking to our spirit. When He speaks it is more than just a "still small voice;" it's a little more authoritative.

Then, He speaks also in what seems to us to be an audible voice, though it may not be audible to anyone around us. Actually we are not hearing it with the physical ear, but it is so real to us that we look around to see who said it. Remember this, when the Spirit of God moves, He moves in line with the Word. If it's not in line with the Word, it just isn't the Spirit of God.

The Bible is inspired by the Spirit, and if it is that same Spirit speaking to you, then it is going to be in line with this Word. I run into so many people who claim they heard some kind of voice that told them this or that. The minute they start I know they are all wrong, without judging them at all. I simply know the Word, and know what they are saying isn't in line with the Word.

Thank God, God does speak to us. Praise the Lord! But remember this, we are not to just accept everything without examining it in light of the Word. I know some very dear people that should have known better, but they got off following voices.

The Bible says there are many voices in the world. One lady I'm thinking about just actually lost her mind. God does communicate with us through our spirits, but this isn't a matter of listening to voices. It isn't a matter of praying to hear something. If He speaks to us all right, but if He doesn't we have His Word and we can just walk in the light of it.

I think it would be of interest to us if we would look into the Acts of the Apostles. We can see there how God did some things. After all, He moves today just like He did then. He hasn't changed, and the Holy Spirit hasn't changed any. Let's notice first of all in the 10th chapter of Acts. We will find that God sometimes leads, guides, and directs through visions. Let us read Acts 10: 1-20. (Please read this portion of scripture in your own Bible.)

Let's examine this a little more closely now. First of all, Cornelius was a devout man, one that feared God with all of his house, which gave much alms to the people and prayed to God always. Remember however that he was not a saved man. He was a Jewish proselyte.

You will notice in Acts 11:13,14, that when Peter rehearsed the matter of what happened in the 10th chapter to the brethren in Jerusalem, he said, "And he (Cornelius) shewed us how

he had seen an angel in his house, which stood and said unto him, Send men to Joppa, and call for Simon, whose surname is Peter; Who shall tell thee words, whereby thou and all thy house shall be saved." So Cornelius was not a saved man, though he was a devout religious man, and evidently walking in all of the light that he had.

Here the scripture tells us that he saw a vision evidently about the ninth hour (3:00 p.m.), an angel. The scripture calls this a vision. Angels evidently do have, as God permits, the ability to take upon themselves form that can be seen with the natural eye. Paul said, "Be not forgetful to entertain strangers; for thereby some have entertained angels unawares." But here the scripture calls this a vision, so I'm sure no one else would have seen it if they had been there.

Now let's notice this, Cornelius obeyed what the angel told him to do. The angel couldn't tell him how to be saved. God never ordained that angels should preach the gospel; they can't. Men must preach the gospel. Jesus said, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature..." All the angel could do was to tell him where to go to get someone else who could.

Secondly, Peter fell into a trance on the housetop and he had a vision. This was a symbolic vision. What he saw was a symbol of something else. He didn't know immediately what it all meant. In this trance he saw a great sheet let down from heaven, and on the sheet were all kind of fourfooted beasts of the earth, wild beasts, creeping things, and fowls of the air. Then there came this voice.

He heard a voice also speak

which said, "Rise, Peter; kill, and eat." Of course he was born again now and filled with the Holy Ghost; but he had been brought up in the Jewish religion, and had been taught not to eat these things. It is hard to get away from what you have been taught, whether it is right or wrong.

Of course, eating these things was wrong for the day in which he was living, so he said, "Not so, Lord; for I have never eaten any thing that is common or unclean." Jews were not supposed to eat certain foods. Some were clean and some were unclean, but that isn't so concerning us. Paul told us that more clearly than any of the others did. Writing to Timothy Paul said, "Every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving: for it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer." Praise the Lord!

But you see, this vision that Peter saw was symbolic. It meant something. "The voice spake unto him again the second time, "What God hath cleansed, that call not thou common. This was done thrice." In other words he saw this and heard the voice three times, "And the vessel was received up again into heaven." So it says, "Now while Peter doubted in himself what this vision which he had seen should mean..." That is a peculiar statement, isn't it? It says he doubted what it should mean.

I think somehow on the inside of him he knew what it meant, but he doubted it. He doubted that it could mean that. God is saying, "What I have cleansed, that call not thou common." Up until this time the church was strictly a Jewish church. Some of these folk amuse me They get the Baptism of the Holy Ghost on Saturday, and they think by the next Sunday they know everything there is to

know. Here the apostles were born again and Spirit-filled, and had been for ten years; and they still didn't know that the Gentiles were going to be saved. Do you suppose you know everything there is to know? Too many times our minds are closed, aren't they?

What God was showing him was that the Jews considered the Gentiles unclean - and they were of course - but "what God hath cleansed, that call not thou common." So as he doubted about what this vision should mean, "Behold, the men which were sent from Cornelius had made inquiry for Simon's house, and stood before the gate, and called, and asked whether Simon, which was surnamed Peter, were lodged there."

Now notice this 19th verse, "While Peter thought on the vision, the Spirit said unto him..." God spoke to him through this vision, yet he still didn't know exactly what it meant. It says here, "The Spirit said unto him..." This refers to the Holy Spirit. How did He say it? Well, I don't know. It just says the Spirit said it. I suppose that He said it in that inward voice, or He may have spoken so forcible to Peter until it almost seemed audible to him.

The Spirit of God said to him, "Behold, three men seek thee. Arise therefore, and get thee down, and go with them, doubting nothing: for I have sent them." We are talking about guidance. We are talking about how to discern the voice of the Spirit. Notice something Jesus said in John 16 about the Holy Spirit. John 16:13, 14, "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."

So Jesus said that the Holy Ghost would speak, though not to Himself. This isn't talking about speaking in tongues. The Holy Ghost doesn't speak with tongues. The Holy Ghost gives you utterance, and you speak with tongues. I take it for granted that He means that whatever the Holy Spirit hears Jesus or God say, that is what He will speak to you. He is abiding in your spirit; and thank God, He can speak to your spirit.

I want you to notice also, that while Peter thought on the vision, the Spirit said something. "The Spirit said unto him, Behold, three men seek thee. Arise therefore, and get thee down, and go with them, doubting nothing: for I have sent them." It is my personal opinion that the Spirit didn't just witness to Peter's heart. If that had been the case, it would have said the Spirit witnessed to him. But it says the Spirit said. Jesus said, " whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak." If He is in your spirit, then that is where He is going to speak.

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vant of the Lord looked into and was able to see by the Spirit into the realm of the Spirit, and he saw chariots of fire and angels of fire and horsemen of fire all around about the city."

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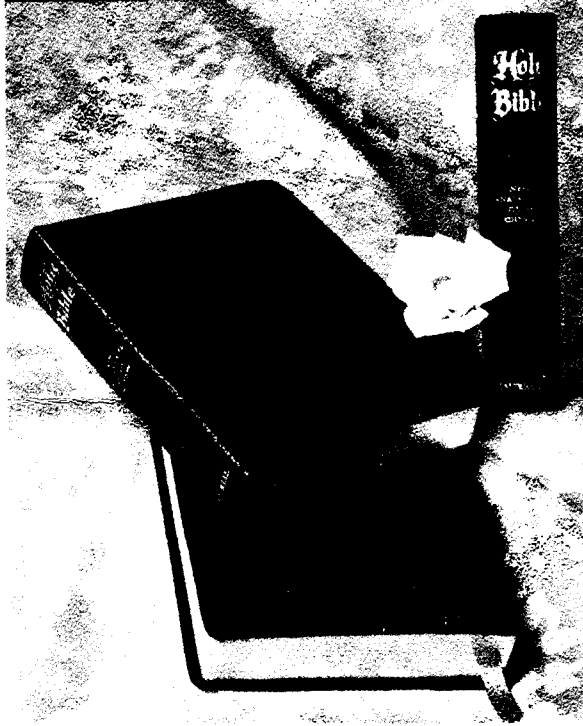
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