

God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

John 4:24

God is a Spirit and must be worshipped in Spirit and truth because He is truth Himself. He cannot lie. The Holy Spirit is truth. Worshipping 'in spirit' means yielding and totally devoting ourselves, our own spirits to Him in His service. Worshipping 'in truth' means being sincere, always aiming for God's glory and not man's glory.

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.

John 14:26

We learned about the Trinity in this module's video lesson. God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit are all one and the same. God speaks to us through His Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit, also referred to as Holy Ghost, was sent by God the Father to us as believers to teach and comfort us.

Jesus told His disciples that He would not leave them comfortless, but the Holy Spirit would teach them all they needed to know in His physical absence as a human.

As seen above in John 16:14, the Spirit glorifies Jesus and speaks that which He hears from Him.

The same Comforter Jesus referred to then, the Holy Spirit, is the same Comforter now in the 21st century who is with us to teach, guide and comfort us always.

Simply put, God the Father has sent the Holy Spirit to teach us all things of Jesus. Once we accept Jesus Christ into our lives, His Holy Spirit comes and lives inside of us. He is always with us and we are sealed in Him.

And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

Ephesians 4:30

Remember the Holy Spirit sees all our thoughts, knows all our desires and is always ready to speak. He is **ALWAYS PRESENT** and never sleeps. It is imperative we live our lives as if He is present because He is! We must learn to practice the presence of God - to bear in mind He is always there. Our lives will change drastically when we do. This practice will cause us to want to listen to His voice.

It is only those who have accepted Jesus Christ who have this privilege. God gives free will whether to accept Him. He will not force anyone. There are however consequences - eternal life in heaven or eternal death in hell. Those who choose to live a life against God may seem free in the flesh, but there are consequences. Those who choose to live a life with God will live with Him eternally. While on earth, we have the privilege of fellowshiping with Him - His voice as direction.

The Holy Spirit of God desires to teach everyone who chooses a life with Him through salvation. Hearing His voice is therefore not a magic formula or reserved for 'special Christians'. It boils down to one's desire to accept Jesus, accept His Word and live for Him.

Living for Him means representing Him well. This happens by reading His Word and listening to His Holy Spirit.

Living the best version of yourself, your purpose to its fullest, means reading His Word and listening to His Holy Spirit. The good news is, He longs to share all these secrets with you if you let Him.

God is always speaking. It is up to us to listen to what He has to say.

How do we therefore hear His voice? By cultivating a relationship with Him. We must meditate on His Word and listen for His voice to hear what He has to say, He wants to tell us what Jesus wants to teach us, as Jesus said, to remind us of all the things He taught, otherwise it is a one-sided relationship.

What can you talk to God about? Anything! He cares about our needs, wants and heart's desires. He wants for you to be rooted in Him.

Cultivating a relationship with God in order to hear His voice requires intentionality. This can be achieved in the following ways:

- Feel free to talk to God about the 'little things' and listen to what He has to say. Do not believe the lie of the enemy that you will be bothering God. In fact, talking with God about the little things forms a bond, a 'best friend' kind of relationship that only flourishes thereafter. Beginning with the small things will help lead to the bigger things. You will also be amazed at how well God works the small things into bigger.
- Pray continually. 1 Thessalonians 5:17 instructs us to do this. Being in constant prayer and praise with a heart yielded to Him will cause you to hear His voice in prayer.

- Praise continually. God inhabits the praises of His people - Psalm 22:3
- Develop a routine and create a space and time to hear from Him. This is meditation.
- When He speaks, obey. Sin blocks us from hearing Him and Him us.
- Read and study the Word of God. Find solid Bible teachers to whom you can listen and from whom you can learn. Dive into a Commentary to expound on the Word. Let it illuminate your heart.

Read John 14 through 16. Write down all the times that Jesus spoke of the Spirit speaking and in what context. Apply each context to your life. Be determined to live what you have learned from Jesus in these.