

# God Speaking

## LESSON 3 – OUTLINE

- I. Our biggest problem is our inability to hear God's voice.
  - A. The way we know what God is saying is by His Word.
  - B. If we would get into the Word of God and meditate in it, the Lord would speak to us.
  - C. He would give us wisdom and direction.
  - D. God speaks to me this way.
  - E. This is what makes my life tick.
- II. Sometimes I get criticized by people, who say, "You love the Word of God more than you love God."
  - A. I don't separate the two!
  - B. Jesus is the Word made flesh who dwelt among us (John 1:14).
  - C. When I refer to the Word, I'm not talking about just a physical book.
  - D. When I read the Word, it's not me reading a book about God; this is the Lord writing to me!
  - E. Even some of the things that were said thousands of years ago to other people, He speaks to me today.
- III. Some folks say, "Well, I want God to speak to me outside of His Word."
  - A. That's why they don't meditate in the Word of God day and night, which is the reason they're not prospering and succeeding more than they are.
  - B. They don't read it expecting God to speak to them.
  - C. When I open up the Word of God, I literally view it as God talking to me—and He does.

- IV. There's a difference between this Book and any other book.
- A. That's why I choose not to read very much else.
  - B. My desire is for the Word.
  - C. Everything I need is right there in the Word of God.
  - D. Most people advocate reading a book a week, a book a month, or something like that.
  - E. I'm not saying that's wrong or of the devil.
  - F. I've written books. In fact, you're reading one right now.
  - G. However, it wouldn't bother me one bit if you bypassed all of my books and just meditated in the Word of God day and night.
- V. Take God's Word.
- A. Meditate in it day and night.
  - B. Get to where the Word of God is more real to you than a person sitting next to you.
  - C. If you would do that, you would prosper more accidentally than you ever have on purpose.
- VI. Whenever I emphasize how important and powerful God's Word is, people always say to me, "I've studied the Bible. I've read the Word. In fact, I've read the Bible all the way through, and it hasn't done this for me."
- A. You must do what Proverbs 4:20 says, which is to attend to God's words and incline your ear.
  - B. The phrase "**incline thine ear**" is speaking of focus and commitment.
  - C. You must listen to God's Word with your heart, not just your head.
  - D. Place a high priority and value on the Word of God.
  - E. Then you'll start getting the results I'm describing.

**My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings. Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart. For they [God's words] are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh.**

**Proverbs 4:20-22, brackets mine**

- F. No matter how grave the situation you're in, God's Word is life and health to all your flesh!

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## **LESSON 3 – DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS**

1. Read Proverbs 1:2-4. You are to \_\_\_\_\_ wisdom and instruction.
2. You are to \_\_\_\_\_ the words of understanding.
3. You are to \_\_\_\_\_ the instruction of wisdom, justice, judgment, and equity.
4. Read Proverbs 18:16. What makes room for a person and brings them before great people?
5. According to Proverbs 22:10, casting out the scorner will cause what to go out as well?
  - A. The scorner's brother
  - B. Contention
  - C. The lights
  - D. All of the above
  - E. None of the above
6. What shall cease?
7. Read John 1:14. The only begotten of the Father was full of what two things?
8. According to Jeremiah 1:5, when was Jeremiah's ordination as a prophet?
9. Read Jeremiah 5:14. Why was God going to make Jeremiah's words fire and the people wood?
10. Read Joshua 1:8. Whose responsibility is it to make your way prosperous and have good success?
11. According to Hebrews 4:12, what can divide soul and spirit?
12. The Word of God is a \_\_\_\_\_ of the thoughts and intents of the heart.
  - A. Condemner
  - B. Follower
  - C. Endorser
  - D. Finisher
  - E. Discerner
13. Read Proverbs 4:20-22. Who is instructed to incline their ear?
14. Where are you to keep God's sayings?
15. Why?

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## **LESSON 3 – SCRIPTURES**

### **PROVERBS 1:2-4**

To know wisdom and instruction; to perceive the words of understanding; [3]  
To receive the instruction of wisdom, justice, and judgment, and equity; [4] To  
give subtilty to the simple, to the young man knowledge and discretion.

### **PROVERBS 18:16**

A man's gift maketh room for him, and bringeth him before great men.

### **PROVERBS 22:10**

Cast out the scorner, and contention shall go out; yea, strife and reproach  
shall cease.

### **JOHN 1:14**

And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory,  
the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

### **JEREMIAH 1:5**

Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out  
of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.

### **JEREMIAH 5:14**

Wherefore thus saith the LORD God of hosts, Because ye speak this word,  
behold, I will make my words in thy mouth fire, and this people wood, and it  
shall devour them.

### **JOSHUA 1:8**

This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate  
therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is  
written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou  
shalt have good success.

### **HEBREWS 4:12**

For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged  
sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints  
and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

**PROVERBS 4:20-22**

**My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings. [21] Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart. [22] For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh.**