

Communicating with God

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God still speaks today

- God's desire
 - Genesis 3:9.
 - Exodus 3:4-10
- Key to communicating with God in prayer
 - Ephesians 1:17-18
- God's intentions
 - Revelation to live in intimacy with Him
 - Freedom from the snares of the enemy

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Function of the Holy Spirit

- Brings unthought of things to light. (Jeremiah 33:3)
- Brings hidden things to light. (Dan 2:22)
- Points us towards our paths of destiny.

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How God communicates

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| • Bible | • Angels |
| • God's still small voice | • Other people/witnesses |
| • God's audible voice | • Experiences and circumstances |
| • God's creation | • Journaling |
| • Visions and dreams | • Poems and songs |
| | • Our senses |

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The Bible

- The Bible
 - Logos - The general Word of God
 - Rhema – Word of the Holy Spirit
 - Joshua 1:8-9
- God's still small voice
- God's audible voice
 - 1 Samuel 3:10-14
- God's Creation
 - Romans 1:20

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Visions

- "He can do only what he sees His Father doing," John 5:19
- Defining levels of Visions
 - Spontaneous vision Ps 139:4
 - Spontaneous vision while praying Acts 9:10
 - Open Visions 2 Kings 6:16-17, Acts 7:55-56
 - Trance Acts 10:10-16
 - Visionary encounter through a dream Acts 16:9

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Dreams

- We receive it first in our subconscious, then in our conscious minds.
- Gives us divine insight into God's plans
- Provides inner healing
- Provides prophetic insight to avert a crisis.
- Alerts an actual situation
- "Last Days" language of God. Joel 2:28
- Daniel 10:20-21

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Communication

- Angels
 - Acts 12:7-10
 - "Jehovah Sabaoth" meaning "Lord of Hosts: or "Lord of the Angel Armies"
 - 1 Samuel 1:3; Romans 9:29
- Other People/Witnesses
 - Matthew 16:15-17
 - 2 Peter 1:21
- Experiences and circumstances
 - Revelation 3:8
- Through Poems and Songs

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Journaling

- Tuning into the Holy Spirit means choosing to accept spontaneity.
- Let go and lay down our concerns.
- Adopt an attitude of receptivity rather than activity. Acts 15:4-5
- Allow for spontaneous flow of thoughts. John 7:37-38
- Open your heart to the flow of the vision or sensing in your spirit.
- The goal is a refocused mind.
- Start journaling.
- Start on paper or a book as less distractions than electronic gadgets.

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Through our senses

- Using our senses to - see, hear, smell, taste, feel God's communication
- Hebrews 5:14 Discerning between good and evil.
- Hebrews 1:7
- John 3:8
- Galatians 2:20a
- Seek confirmation from God
- Is this from you, Lord?
- What are you trying to tell me?
- Please give me a confirmation.

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What does God's voice sound like?

- It is like our thoughts, but is spontaneous to our thoughts. John 7:37-40; John 15
- Easy, gentle and easily cut off by our own thoughts. 1 Kings 19:12-13
- Has unusual content. Of a better quality than our thoughts. Acts 9:10-15a
- Rises up in our spirit and emotions. Lamentations
- Causes a special reaction in us. Gen 12:1-4; Rom 10:17

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How do we know that something is from God?

- Brings peace and good fruit. Can be authoritative and firm. James 3:17-18
- Not what we have thought of and expect and of better quality. Isaiah 55:8-9
- Speaks realities of the situation in a personal way. 1 Cor 14:33
- Brings conviction and revelation. 2 Tim 3:16-17
- May expose and challenge us for our own good. 2 Sam 12:5-8 & 13

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Safeguards

- Born again
- Accept Bible as the inerrant Word of God
- Have an ongoing relationship with God
- Have a consistent devotional life through prayer and God's Word.
- Be part of a local Church and submitted to them
- Have a spiritual covering by being in Christ and each other. Heb 13:17

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Spiritual covering

- Close friend/spouse
- Believes and knows the Bible
- Hears God's voice as well
- Submitted to the local Body of Christ
- Has time to listen to you.

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What interferes with our communication with God?

- Fear of the occult
- Involvement in satanic groups like Freemasonry, or using mediums
- Disdaining visions and pride of the rational mind
- Distracted by ungodly desires like lust and idolatry.
- Cutting off visual capacity
- Fear of failure that you cannot hear God
- Our theological background is cessationist
- Taking on false guilt and self-condemnation. John 8:10-11
- Trauma, unforgiveness, disobedience. Psalm 139:23-24

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Model 1 Seeking the Presence of God

- Turn your affections towards God and His Word. Prov 4:20
- Fill the eyes of your heart, using your sanctified imagination. Pro 4:21
- Look out for God's words and visions in your mind's eyes. Prov 4:21b; Prov 4:23
- Set your heart to agree with what God says. Prov 4:24; 2 Cor 4:13
- Set the emotions of your heart on eternity values. Prov 4:22; 3:18b
- Allow the Holy Spirit to move you for the words and visions that flow. Psalm 45:1

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Model 2 Habakkuk 2:1-2 Keeping watch

- Still your heart and mind in the Lord's Presence.
- Your mind is active inwardly, talking to Him, opening up your faith, your spirit, getting your own thoughts out of the way.
- Allow His thoughts through His Spirit into your spirit and into your heart.
- His Spirit is in union with your spirit. 1 Cor 6:17
- Allow spontaneous thoughts and impressions to flow from the Holy Spirit to your spirit, going directly to your mind.
- Start journaling.

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The Tabernacle of Moses

- The Holy Place (Ex 26:32)
- The golden table for the bread (Ex 25:23-26)
- The golden altar for incense (Ex 25:17-18)
- The ark of the covenant (Ex 25:10-16)
- The table of showbread (Ex 25:30-35)
- The golden lamp for the light (Ex 25:31-36)
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Model 3 – The Tabernacle of Moses

- The Outer Court
 - The Brazen Altar Romans 12:1
 - The Bronze Laver James 1:22-24



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Model 3 – The Tabernacle of Moses

- The Holy Place
 - The Table of shewbread 1 Corinthians 10:17
 - Lampstand fuelled by oil 1 Corinthians 2:9-10
 - Altar of incense Isaiah 55:11; Psalm 141:2



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Model 3 – The Tabernacle of Moses

- The Holy of Holies
 - Hebrews:4:16
 - Ark of the Covenant with the Mercy Seat
 - The Ten Commandments,
 - Jar of Manna
 - Aaron's Rod



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Intercession

- Prophetic Intercession is prayers originating from God.
- In Intercession, burden often begins with God.
- Isaiah 55:11 "so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it."
- Declare and decree only what God has promised or spoken according to His will.
- Job 22:28 says "What you decide on will be done, and light will shine on your ways."

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Preparing ourselves for intimacy with God 1

1. Put on some orchestral/instrumental calm worship music in the background.
2. Quiet yourself in the Lord's Presence.
3. Visualise yourself standing or kneeling before each piece of tabernacle furniture and see Jesus standing there speaking to you.
4. Ask God to speak to you, through His Holy Spirit, at this time in your life, and record what He says by journaling.
5. Ask God these questions, one at a time.
6. Take time to journal.

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Preparing ourselves for intimacy with God 2

1. Your thoughts maybe very preachy.
2. His thoughts will be very loving and gentle though it may include discipline.
3. Let it come in the first person.
4. Write down the gentle spontaneous flow that bubbles up from your heart.
5. Ask a friend or two who can confirm and encourage you on this journey.
6. Ask them if they feel it is from the Lord.

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Exercise 1 - Seeking Intimacy with God

Sit in a relaxed position. Still your heart. Fill the eyes of your heart with Jesus.

1. What is it You want to say to me personally today, Lord?
2. Holy Spirit, open the eyes of my heart and show me what You want me to see?
3. Lord Jesus, what do my thoughts sound like?
4. Lord, let me hear Your voice. What does it sound like internally?
5. What do the demonic forces' thoughts sound like?
6. Lord, let me sense the movement you are showing me now?

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Finish

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Exercise 2 –Tabernacle of Moses -Journaling 1

1. Altar --- In what way can I become more of a living sacrifice?
2. Laver --- In what way can I apply the Word to my life to wash me fully?
3. Shewbread --- In what way can I improve the way that I walk in love and fellowship with the Body of Christ?
4. Lampstand --- How can I be more aware and respond to the prompting of the Holy Spirit as I study your word?
5. Incense --- Lord, I want my praise and thanksgiving to be a fragrant offering to You. How can I align my prayers closer to Your desires?
6. Ark --- How can I experience Your Presence in a more intimate way?

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Exercise 3 Journaling 2

1. Sit in a relaxed position. Still your heart. Fill the eyes of your heart with Jesus.
2. Ask the Lord, "Lord, what do you want to say to me?"
3. "Lord, how do you feel about me?"
4. Journal and write.

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Prophetic Intercession 1

1. Lord, can you give me an anointing as a prophetic intercessor?
2. What is on Your heart today?
3. Lord Jesus, you brought this person to mind. How do you want me to pray for him/her?
4. Father, what is Your Heart intention for this person?
5. How do I align my prayers with what is on Your heart?

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Prophetic Intercession II. How to hear God's plan

1. Father, what do You see that I also need to see in this current difficulty and pain?
2. What is Your heart's intention for this person or place/nation that You love?
3. What was the picture You had in mind when You created them or this place/nation?
4. Father, what are You wanting to do here?
5. Lord Jesus, what is Your Heart's desire for the next year for this person or city or country?

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Prophetic Intercession III Revival

1. Heavenly Father, has revival already been sent to our Church/nation/ particular land?
2. Lord, are the seeds of the revival already in this land?
3. What is the timing which we are in so that I can align my prayers?
4. Lord, would you please give me insight into Your plans for the future?
5. Show me what I need to pray so that Your will is done.

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