

Learn to **LISTEN** to God!



Jesus is God, is the Living Word,
([Joh 1:1-2, 14](#))

So from Genesis to Revelation He is **speaking** to us from the written Word.

When He **speaks**, we are not to refuse Him,
([Heb 12:1-2](#)).

Therefore, it is **critical to HEAR!**

To have **ears** that **HEAR**,
HEAR with **understanding**,
([Luk 8:18](#)).

LISTEN to the Lord **speak** to you personally through His Word and Spirit,
([Joh 14:16-17; 16:13](#)).

HOW

1. Consider what you have:

- Read from God's Word – **SEEN**, and
- **LEARNED** from God through His Spirit.

Then,

2. Turn what you **LEARNED** into a **personal question(s)**.

To Help You

Some Examples From Our Discovery in James.

LISTEN. . .Hear God

Ch1:1 James, a bond-servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ,

1. SEE and LEARN

James **views and introduces** himself, as a '**bond-servant**' of God and of Jesus.

2. NOW - Take what SEE and LEARN and turn into a personal question(s).

LISTEN – what might the Spirit be stirring in your heart; saying; asking?

The Personal Question(s) Might Be:

- 1. How do I view myself with respect to God and Jesus?*
- 2. Am I a bond-servant of God and of Jesus? Why? Why not?*
- 3. How do I introduce myself? Have I ever introduced myself as a bond-servant?*

As LOOKED at Bond-servant

1. Saw and LEARNED

- '**Bond-servant**' means *slave, servant, obedient, devoted*.
- What each of these terms means.

2. NOW - Take what SAW and LEARNED, and turn into a personal question(s).

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The Personal Question(s) Might Be:

- 1. Am I a slave. no longer mv own?*

2. *What does this look like in my life?*
 - *Am I living independently, or dependently, upon God and Jesus?*
 - *Am I calling the shots in my life, or letting God? How so?*
 - *What must I do to break that independence and live dependently upon God and Jesus?*
3. *How am I serving the Lord?*
4. *Do I have a heart to be submissive and obedient to the Lord, no matter what?*
5. *How faithful and devoted am I to God and Jesus?*
6. *Or, what might interfere with my devotion to the Lord?*

As you slow down and prayerfully focus on **what God says** and **means**,
You will begin to be sensitive to **His Spirit**,
Hearing Him speak to you, and
The **questions** will come.

Now. . . You Don't Just **LISTEN**,
You Speak to God!

As You Begin to **LISTEN**, THEN You **Respond**

An awesome dialogue begins to take place between you and Your Creator!

This is fellowship – you developing a relationship with God, the Father, and His Son, Jesus,
([1Jo 1:3](#)).

Your Response to God Might Be:

Praise,

Forgiveness,

Confession,

Repentance,

Thanksgiving, and/or

*A commitment to **LIVE** out what He is showing you!*

There is no one size fits all.

We all are at different places with the Lord,

And our responses will be different,

But we can be sure He will meet us right where we are at!

As you HEAR God Speak about a bond-servant, being a slave...

Your Response Might Be Any/or All of These:

~ Oh God, I don't know what being Your slave really means or should look like in my life.

~ I confess to you Lord:

I really don't give You a second thought.

I have been living for myself, living independently of You.

I have been calling the shots, with little thought to You or Your purposes, making choices and decisions apart from you.

~ Oh God, forgive me! I want to turn from walking independently of You.

~ Please help me live for You, totally dependent upon You. Show me what that looks like.

Or,

Your Response Might Be Any/Or All of These:

~ Oh Father God, I praise You and thank You for Your Word, and for Your plan.

~ Thank you Lord Jesus, for freeing me from sin and death with Your precious blood.

~ Oh Lord, I realize I am not my own, that You bought me with the precious blood of Jesus, and You are my Master, calling the shots in my life.

~ Oh Lord, I know that You, Jesus, emptied Yourself and took on the form of a slave, and did only those things the Father told You. And I am to be like You!

~ Lord, I confess that there have been many a day and time that I fail to live totally dependent upon You, following You and obeying You.

Oh Lord, I am so sorry! Please forgive me!

~Lord, You say that when I confess my sin to You, You are faithful to cleanse me of all unrighteousness.

~Lord, I do so love You and desire to please You. I want to do Your will.

~Lord, please teach me, help me, enable me to live as yours totally dependent on You in every way.

Do You SEE?

This is the **fellowship and relationship** the Lord desires!

And if you let what you **hear** affect how you **LIVE**, you will be transformed!

God Talks, We LISTEN!

We Talk, He Listens!

Oh, This is The Most Amazing Part of Your Journey!

HEAR the Lord Speak to You Personally.

God is saying something important every time He **speaks** a Word.

**And then,
You TALK to Him!**

[\(Jer 29:12-13\)](#); [\(Joh 10:27\)](#).

Don't Get Discouraged!

This is a **skill** that takes some time to develop.

But. . .

The more time you spend **fine-tuning your ears**,
the clearer God's voice will be.