

# Is That You God?

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Many believers don't know that they have the privilege through their personal relationship with Jesus to hear the voice of God. One of the greatest tragedies of Christendom today is believers that are convinced that God only speaks to a special few.

IN our clip, we see Mother Theresa hearing God speak to her through the starving Children of Calcutta, India.

I believe this is a ploy of the enemy.

\*\*\*Years ago there was a comedian named Flip Wilson and one of his signature sayings was, "the devil made me do it."

So when I grew up, the reaction most people would have to the phrase, "the devil made me do it" was that we didn't take it seriously. It was a joke. It was light hearted humor. It wasn't real.

While this was funny, what it did was to lessen the impact of the truth that there IS a devil and he is actively convincing people to believe a lie.

If there were 2 lies the enemy would want society to believe, it is that 1 there is no devil, and 2 there is no God.

\*\*\*So now, in this day and age, men and women all over this earth are doing atrocities of all kinds and saying that God told them to.

Couple that with men and women in the church saying all sorts of crazy nonsense and putting God's name on it, it's no wonder that we have an entire generation of people that are skeptical when it comes to God speaking.

I remember when I first realized that God was speaking to me during worship services at the church I grew up in. When I was first saved, I was in a much

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smaller church than ours and there was one particular lady in the church that would “prophesy” every Sunday. She was eccentric , kooky, a little scary. I made the unfortunate leap of logic that God spoke to eccentric, kooky, scary people.

After I got married, we moved to a larger church in the area and got involved in the music ministry. During this time, I began to “hear” God’s voice during the worship and invariably, that communicated idea would come out either in someone else sharing a word, a song, or the preaching of the word.

Well it wasn’t long before I realized that God was speaking to me and through the encouragement of some older Godly people in my life, I began to step out in sharing what God was speaking to me with the rest of the church.

\*\*\*So the question is, Why are believers today NOT hearing the voice of God?

What I hear folks saying today is that MAYBE through this circumstance or that situation that God is telling me such and such.

**DANGEROUS!**

Reasons:

1. We don’t believe God would speak to us. Worthiness, Sin, God has set the standard too high.
2. We don’t recognize His voice when He speaks: Samuel and The Shepherd
3. There is something preventing us from “hearing.” Stopped up ears

Story of Gary

Psalm 40:6 “My ears you have opened”

Open - hollowed out, digged, bored, excavated, and made a passage through

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Isaiah 50:4,5

4 The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of disciples, that I may know how to sustain the weary one with a word. He awakens me morning by morning. He awakens my ear to listen as a disciple.

5 **The Lord GOD has opened My ear;** And I was not disobedient nor did I turn back.

Job 33:14-16

14 Indeed God speaks once, or twice, yet no one notices it.

15 "In a dream, a vision of the night, when sound sleep falls on men, while they slumber in their beds,

16 **Then He opens the ears of men,** and seals their instruction,

Genesis 26:18

18 Then Isaac dug again the wells of water which had been dug in the days of his father Abraham, for the Philistines had stopped them up after the death of Abraham; and he gave them the same names which his father had given them.

OT is the NT concealed, NT is the OT revealed.