



EPISODE 8-LEARNING TO HEAR GOD SPEAK – VISIONS

Focal Scripture: Hab 2v1, Rev 1v10 Rev 1:12 John 5v19

Introduction:

God's method of speaking is beyond audible words. Visions are a form of language. Dreams are 'sleeping visions' or visions of the night. Visions are mental pictures/mental movie in which you are either a participant or an observer. Sight is one of the secrets of hearing God. Spiritual Blindness is more incapacitating than Physical blindness (2 kg 6v17). All believers have two sets of eyes -Elijah open his eyes. Once you see the invisible, you can do the impossible."

Types of Visions

- **Open Vision:** God granted ability to see into the realm of the Spirit with your natural eyes wide open
- **Visions in Prayer:** God grants visions during the event of prayer;
- **Trance:** A trance is more or less a stunned state where a person's body is overwhelmed by the Spirit of God and his mind arrested and subjected to visions & revelations Acts 10v10

Avoid distractions. Watch out for speed of the spirit. 2king 2v10

John 5v19 The Place of prayer

- The more prayerful you are the more you see. Especially praying In the Spirit.
- God imparts vision to people who open their hearts to HIM, are sensitive to the Spirit, & Spend much time in intimate fellowship. **Hos 6:3**
- Balance your prayer with the word.
- The Bible is the ultimate yardstick for testing spiritual experiences.
- Don't raise your experiences above the word of God.
- Revelations must be initiated by the Holy Spirit, it must never be self-induced. Jer 23v18,

Guardrails

- Am I regularly studying the word?
- Am I maintaining a life of Prayer/fasting? Salvation is free anointing costs
- Am I seeking purity & holiness (anointing without holiness is suspect) Matt 5v8
- Church membership? Accountable?
- Peer review? Avoid isolation
- Jer 23 Don't mix the source
- Don't Speak from your imagination
- Do not worship Angels, Focus on Christ
- Chase God not revelations. Intimacy with God is key to Open heavens.