

God Still Speaks Today

Hebrews 3:7-19

Introduction:

- A. Many have claimed that God has spoken to them
1. Prosperity p_____
 2. C_____ group leaders
- B. The Hebrew writer held that God still speaks by the Holy Spirit (as opposed to audibly) to our inner s_____ (v. 7)
1. Rom 8:16 – *The Spirit bears witness with our s_____ that we are children of God.*
 2. Rom 8:14 – The Spirit of God l_____ us
 3. 1Jn 2:27 – God’s anointing (the Holy Spirit) abides in us and t_____ us all things.
 4. 1Cor 2:11-13 – the Spirit combines the spiritual with the spiritual in c_____ to us.
- C. The Holy Spirit is often confused with
1. Our c_____
 2. Our f_____
 3. Our h_____ or dreams.
- D. This passage gives three common ways that God speaks by the Holy Spirit today.
1. These three ways are not so readily received: *If you hear His voice, do not harden your hearts.*
 2. Are you listening and are you responding?

Through His Word, the Bible (7)

- A. The Hebrew writer emphasizes the Holy Spirit speaking in the p_____ - *The Holy Spirit says* (not said)
1. He quotes P_____ 95:7-11
 - a. A h_____ wrote it
 - b. The S_____ inspired him to write.
 2. Jesus said in Matt 22:43 – *David wrote in the S_____*
 3. The a_____ preserved this truth (2Pet 1:20,21; 2Tim 3:16).
 4. Jesus quoted Ex 3:6 as God presently speaking to the Pharisees even though it was a record of what God spoke to M_____.
- B. God speaks by the Holy Spirit through His word to (2Tim 3:16):
1. T_____ us doctrinal truths
 2. R_____ us of wrong
 3. C_____ us by showing us the right way
 4. T_____ us
- C. Pay attention when you read God’s word, hear it, or discuss it.
1. Ask – what is God saying to me?
 2. Do not h_____ your heart but respond positively.

Through His Worshipers, the Church (12-14)

A. When you trusted Jesus

1. He gave you an i_____ identity – a child of God (Jn 1:12; Lk 10:20; Rev 20:15).
2. He gave you a c_____ identity – part of His body, which is emphasized as a local body.
 - a. Each local church in the Bible was viewed as a c_____ body of Christ (Heb 10:24; Rom 12:5; 1Cor 12:27; Gal 1:2; 6:2; Eph 4:1-3; Phil 4:15).
 - b. You must identify with a local body so that God can speak to you through that body.

B. Verse 13 commands us to e_____ one another day after day.

1. The Greek word literally means to come a _____ side so as to be a help.
2. We are to help one another so we do not fall into the deceitfulness of s_____ (v. 13)
3. We are p_____ of Christ (v. 14)
 - a. Same Greek word translated as p_____ in Lk 5:7
 - b. We have an o_____ to one another because of our partnership.

Through His Work, in circumstances (9, 15-19)

A. God communicated to the ancient Hebrews through circumstances for _____ years after coming out of Egypt (v. 17)

1. The p_____ of the Red Sea and the drowning of the Egyptian army (I am your s_____)
2. He made the bitter waters of Marah d_____ (I am your p_____)
3. God rained m_____ down from heaven on a daily basis for the entire 40 years (You can d_____ on me for your daily needs).
4. He led them in the pillar (I am your l_____. Follow me.)
5. He punished s_____ (I am righteous. So, practice it).

B. The generation that was freed from slavery h_____ their hearts against God in spite of all the marvelous works they saw.

1. When God speaks by the Holy Spirit in circumstances, it will be o_____.
2. When God speaks by the Holy Spirit in circumstances, do not harden your heart but listen and respond.

*Today, if you hear His voice, do not harden your hearts.
Listen, respond, and obey.*