

Hearing God' Voice

Session 1

Gen 12 ; 1-3

Now the Lord had said to Abram: "Get out of your country, From your family And from your father's house, To a land that I will show you.

I will make you a great nation; I will bless you And make your name great; And you shall be a blessing.

I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

"I *am* the Lord God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and your descendants.

Also your descendants shall be as the dust of the earth; you shall spread abroad to the west and the east, to the north and the south; and in you and in your seed all the families of the earth shall be blessed.

Behold, I *am* with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have spoken to you."

Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place, and I did not know *it*."

And he was afraid and said, "How awesome *is* this place! This *is* none other than the house of God, and this *is* the gate of heaven!" **Gen 28:13-16.**

So when the Lord saw that he turned aside to look, God called to him from the midst of the bush and said, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am."

Then He said, "Do not draw near this place. Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you stand *is* holy ground."

Moreover He said, "I *am* the God of your father—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look upon God.

Ex 3: 4-5

So the Lord spoke to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend. **Ex 33:11.**

But since then there has not arisen in Israel a prophet like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face, **Deut. 34:10.**

Now the Lord came and stood and called as at other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel answered, "Speak, for Your servant hears."
Then the Lord said to Samuel: "Behold, I will do something in Israel at which both ears of everyone who hears it will tingle. **I Sam 3:10-11**

Session 2

I Kings 19: 1- 21.

After Elijah and the confrontation with the prophets of Baal.

Now threatened by Jezebel. Because her prophets had been executed.

Elijah flees to Beersheba. Had just confronted the prophets of Baal and Ahab. Bold proclamation. Brought rain after long drought and famine. People saw what happened. No one stood up for him. They had seen an amazing miracle.

Goes farther into the desert. Under a broom tree. Tells God to take his life. Was in Judah-would have been safe there.

Human weakness. Shows that God was really providing the courage and boldness and power. He was no different than his fathers in this sense.

Angel tells him twice to eat and drink – God's provision. God needs him for His purposes.

LORD asks him, What are you doing here? Mighty prophet and servant and now look where you are.

Elijah defends himself- he is zealous. The people have turned against the Covenant-torn down altars and killed the prophets. I am the only one left. People hadn't stood with him. What can he do? They will kill me.

He tells Elijah Go stand on the mountain- Glory will pass by. Different than Moses.

Wind then earthquake then fire.

Then still small voice- Elijah knows that this is the Presence. Covers his face. Like in **Is 6**.

Asks the same question-what are you doing here? Same answer. God had work for him to do.

This is not the place for you now. There are 7000 that have not bowed their knee to Baal. Faithful remnant. God also tells Paul at Corinth. Even if it is a small number. Elijah will proceed by word and preaching (small voice) rather than signs.

Called to service for the Kingdom and provisions are made.

Another example.

Jer 1: 4- 8

Then the word of the Lord came to me, saying:

“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; Before you were born I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations.”

Then said I: “Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, I cannot speak, for I *am* a youth.”

But the Lord said to me: “Do not say, ‘I *am* a youth,’ For you shall go to all to whom I send you, And whatever I command you, you shall speak.

Do not be afraid of their faces, For I *am* with you to deliver you,” says the Lord.

Jer 1: 9-10

Then the Lord put forth His hand and touched my mouth, and the Lord said to me:

“Behold, I have put My words in your mouth.

See, I have this day set you over the nations and over the kingdoms, To root out and to pull down, To destroy and to throw down, To build and to plant.”

Session 3

New Testament

Change of Covenant; change of communication. Hebrews Chapter 1.

Logos – John Chapter 1.

John 1: 14

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

Glory – Shekinah; separation; cleft in the rock; can't see Me and live. Baby/child/Man.

Col 1 : 16-19

For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him.

And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.

And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.

For it pleased *the Father that* in Him all the fullness should dwell,

Time with disciples. Direct preaching of the Kingdom. Quoting Scripture. Signs and wonders. Example of love and forgiveness.

Parables.

Gift of Grace and Salvation. All done because of Love. Banner. **Song of Songs 2**

John 15:9 As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you.

I John 4:9-10 In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him.

In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son *to be* the propitiation for our sins.

Great Commission. What was required?

Pentecost. Empowerment. Gifts of the Spirit.

Docile. Open. Surrender! Book of Acts.

Harvests- fields and fish.

Session 4

What about today?

II Timothy 3: 1-5

But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come:

For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good,

traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God,

having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!

What is **our** time like ?

Where do **we** live ?

What is **our** Great Commission ?

Final harvest ?