

WHAT I READ
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WHAT I
SAW!!!

MY PATH TO CHRIST

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Romans 10:9 (NASB95)

9 that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved;

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Genesis 3:8–9 (NASB95)

8 They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. 9 Then the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, “Where are you?”

Isaiah 6:8 (NASB95)

Isaiah's Commission

8 Then I heard the voice of the Lord, saying,
“Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?”
Then I said, “Here am I. Send me!”

Exodus 19:9 (NASB95)

9 The LORD said to Moses, “Behold, I will come to you in a thick cloud, so that the people may hear when I speak with you and may also believe in you forever.” Then Moses told the words of the people to the LORD.

Deuteronomy 4:12 (NASB95)

12 “Then the LORD spoke to you from the midst of the fire; you heard the sound of words, but you saw no form—only a voice.

Acts 9:3–5 (NASB95)

3 As he was traveling, it happened that he was approaching Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him; 4 and he fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?” 5 And he said, “Who are You, Lord?” And He *said*, “I am Jesus whom you are persecuting,

HOW DO YOU KNOW WHEN GOD IS ACTUALLY SPEAKING TO YOU?

- Well you just know that you know.
- Well it is not an actual voice.
- Well it is a feeling.
- STOP ENOUGH!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

HERE IS MY MILLION DOLLAR QUESTION!

- If I can't hear Him
- If I can see Him
- If I can't feel Him
- Is He actually real?

Romans 2:11 (NASB95)

11 For there is no partiality with God.

Acts 10:34 (NASB95)

34 Opening his mouth, Peter said: “I most certainly understand *now* that God is not one to show partiality,

*Then what I read should be what I
see, hear & feel!*

Habakkuk 2:1 (NASB95)

1 I will stand on my guard post And station myself
on the rampart; And I will keep watch to see what
He will speak to me, And how I may reply when I
am reproved.

Habakkuk 2:2 (NASB95)

2 Then the LORD answered me and said,
“Record the vision And inscribe *it* on tablets,
That the one who reads it may run.

Habakkuk 2:3 (NASB95)

3 “For the vision is yet for the appointed time; It hastens toward the goal and it will not fail. Though it tarries, wait for it; For it will certainly come, it will not delay.

Four keys to hearing God's voice.

- *I will stand on my guard post. [Meaning to be still]*
- *I will keep watch to see. [Meaning we have to keep our eyes on Jesus]*
- *He will speak to me. [Spontaneity]*
- *Then the Lord answered me and said, "Record the vision." [Meaning record the vision, the your thoughts and pictures that light up your heart and mind]*

First Habakkuk goes to a place of solitude where he can be alone and become still. There he stations himself, waiting for God to speak.

Psalm 91:1 (NASB95)

1 He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High Will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

Second, Habakkuk quiets himself within by 'watching to see' what God will say.

- *The Hebrew words translated, 'keep watch to see' means to look out or about, to spy, to keep watch, observe, to see, to inspect, to give attention to."*

Third Habakkuk hears God's voice within Him.

- This is defined as that still small voice of God.

1 Kings 19:12 (NASB95)

12 After the earthquake a fire, *but* the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of a *gentle blowing*.

Fourth, when God begins to speak, the first things He says is, “Record the vision.”

- Habakkuk wrote down the thoughts and pictures that were coming from God.

The four elements, becoming still,
using visions, turning to
spontaneity, and journaling are
the element used by the prophet
Habakkuk to hear the voice of
God.

If Habakkuk can then so can we!!!

