

THE BOOK OF ACTS

HOW GOD SPEAKS

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SCRIPTURE

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Go south down the desert road that runs from Jerusalem to Gaza." So he started out, and he met the treasurer of Ethiopia, a eunuch of great authority under the Kandake, the queen of Ethiopia. The eunuch had gone to Jerusalem to worship, and he was now returning. Seated in his carriage, he was reading aloud from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

The Holy Spirit said to Philip, "Go over and walk along beside the carriage." Philip ran over and heard the man reading from the prophet Isaiah. Acts 8:26-30

9 WAYS GOD SPEAKS

1/ God speaks through Creation.

For ever since the world was created, people have seen the earth and sky. Through everything God made, they can clearly see His invisible qualities—His eternal power and divine nature. So they have no excuse for not knowing God. Romans 1:20

2/ God speaks through conscience.

Even Gentiles, who do not have God's written law, show that they know His law when they instinctively obey it, even without having heard it. They demonstrate that God's law is written in their hearts, for their own conscience and thoughts either accuse them or tell them they are doing right. Romans 2:14-15

3/ God speaks through the Bible.

All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. 2 Timothy 3:16

4/ God speaks through the Holy Spirit's voice.

"The Holy Spirit will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you." John 14:26

5/ God speaks through peace.

Let the peace of God rule in your hearts... Colossians 3:15

6/ God speaks through wise counsel.

Fools think their own way is right, but the wise listen to others. Proverbs 12:15

7/ God speaks through angels.

These “messengers” speak to people from time to time (Daniel, Joseph, Philip, etc.)

8/ God speaks through dreams and visions.

“In the last days, God says, I will pour out My Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.” Acts 2:17

9/ God speaks through spiritual gifts.

The one who prophesies speaks to people for their upbuilding and encouragement and consolation. 1 Corinthians 14:3

THE LITMUS TEST

There are many people in hell today, because they thought they heard from heaven.

Every prompting, dream, prophetic word, and encounter must be tested against Scripture.

Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God... 1 John 4:1

For a time is coming when people will no longer listen to sound and wholesome teaching. They will follow their own desires and will look for teachers who will tell them whatever their itching ears want to hear. 2 Timothy 4:3

STAYING WITHIN EARSHOT

“Incline your ear, and come to Me. Hear, and your soul shall live.” Isaiah 55:3

1/ It’s tough to hear when there’s noise and distractions.

2/ It’s tough to hear when there’s active sin and disobedience.

3/ It’s easier to hear when we stay in God’s presence.

4/ It’s easier to hear when we stay in God’s Word.