

GOD SPEAKS

"You shall not take the name of the LORD in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain."

Exodus 20:7 (ESV)

❖ The Truth of Today:

- God speaks daily in DIFFERENT ways.
- You Must Know: God is NOT OBLIGATED to stop you from making a mistake!

And now you Gentiles have also heard the truth, the Good News that God saves you. And when you believed in Christ, he identified you as his own by giving you the Holy Spirit, whom he promised long ago.

Ephesians 1:13 (NLT)

Don't you realize that all of you together are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God lives in you?

1 Corinthians 3:16 (NLT)

❖ How Does God Speak?

1. God speaks through the BIBLE.

Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path.

Psalms 119:105 (NLT)

But people who aren't spiritual can't receive these truths from God's Spirit. It all sounds foolish to them and they can't understand it, for only those who are spiritual can understand what the Spirit means.

1 Corinthians 2:14 (NLT)

And then he added, "It is what comes from inside that defiles you. ²¹For from within, out of a person's heart, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, ²²adultery, greed, wickedness, deceit, lustful desires, envy, slander, pride, and foolishness. ²³All these vile things come from within; they are what defile you."

Mark 7:20-23 (NLT)

Such things were written in the Scriptures long ago to teach us. And the Scriptures give us hope and encouragement as we wait patiently for God's promises to be fulfilled.

Romans 15:4 (NLT)

2. God speaks through PRAYER.

And the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness. For example, we don't know what God wants us to pray for. But the Holy Spirit prays for us with groanings that cannot be expressed in words. ²⁷And the Father who knows all hearts knows what the Spirit is saying, for the Spirit pleads for us believers in harmony with God's own will.

Romans 8:26-27 (NLT)

And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us.

1 John 5:14 (ESV)

"You can ask for anything in my name, and I will do it, so that the Son can bring glory to the Father."

John 14:13 (NLT)

- The Purpose of Prayer is: To adjust ME to God, not to adjust GOD to me.

3. God speaks through CIRCUMSTANCES.

We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance.

Romans 5:3 (NLT)

4. God speaks through the CHURCH.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. ⁶Seek his will in all you do, and he will direct your paths.

Proverbs 3:5-6 (NLT)