

Ears to Hear... Eyes to See!



Who are you listening to these days? Can you pinpoint the persons or things that have your ear? On what do you generally concentrate each day? To whom have you given your affection and undivided attention? What is the *central focus* of your life?

Because of changing times, these have become important questions. We live in the Era of Communications and the Age of Information. At dawn, radio voices boom setting the pace for the day with “insights” and “expertise” on everything from A to Z. Daytime television is bombarded with talk shows that exploit the depravity of man and spotlight sin for pure entertainment. In the evening, talking heads and political pundits spew their views and animate world news with interesting sound bytes and informative tidbits—just to win ratings. During prime-time television, sitcoms and mini-dramas boom to tickle our fancy and touch our emotions. They console and comfort us like good ole’ family and friends. In the deep of night, the latest healers, seers, gurus and psychics emerge. They come to snuggle up close; to whisper ‘sweet nothings in our ear’ and to whisk away all our tears. Their predictions and philosophies intoxicate us into a sleepy stupor and coax us to believe their lies. And on the days roll from one to another.

As Believers, we must be wise and discerning of the times. If not, we will be swept away in the tide of illusion—hearing only the voice of man and seeing only the face of the world. But, the God of the Universe has appointed a different course for you. He wants you to hear His voice and look upon His face. He wants to reveal Himself to you and give you Good News for every waking moment of the day. Do you know His still small voice? Would you recognize Him in a crowd?

God the Father’s Supreme Revelation is embodied in God the Son. He chose to show forth the Superiority of Himself in Jesus Christ. The historical record confirms this truth. Listen at Hebrews 1:1-2 explain it:

*“God who at various times and in various ways spoke in times past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days **spoken to us by His Son**, whom He has appointed heir of all things; through whom also He made the worlds...”* (emphasis added)

In these “the last days” God has personalized His methods and enlarged His style of communications. He has **already spoken** through the New Testament (or New Covenant) to each one of us. He has delivered His Love Letters (*the Holy Scriptures*) to

the address of every heart. It is signed it with the Shed Blood of His Son and sealed with the Signet Ring of His Spirit.

Surely, God the Father was in Christ, reconciling the world to Himself. How much He loves us! How much He longs that we would **Hear His Voice & See His Face through the Son**. This desire of the Father is fully revealed in Matthew 17:1-8...Jesus has taken Peter, James and John up to a high mountain and is “*transfigured*” before them. His face becomes bright like the sun and His clothes white as the light. Suddenly, Moses and Elijah appear and the Scriptures record that they began “*talking with Him (Jesus).*”

Moses and Elijah represent the Old Testament, personifying the Law and the Prophets. Their presence indicates the pointing of the Old to the reality of the New. Here, they are given opportunity to communicate with the (Promised) Messiah and to embrace His coming Kingdom. **They understood that the Lord Jesus Christ would fulfill ‘all the laws and the prophets.’** He was the One they had labored for and diligently served.

Yet, in the midst of this supernatural exchange, Peter chimes in excitedly - saying to Jesus, “...*let us make here three tabernacles, one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.*” His zeal lacked true understanding. In his exuberance, Peter ignorantly reduces the Living Christ to the level of the expired patriarchs. Truly, God the Father was ticked! As Peter was speaking, a bright cloud overshadowed them and a voice spoke emphatically from the cloud: “*This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. **Hear Him!***” The Fathers’ voice was so piercing that the disciples “*fell on their faces and were greatly afraid.*” With unconditional love, Jesus “*touched*” them saying, “*Arise, and do not be afraid.*” Slowly lifting their eyes, “*they saw no one but Jesus only.*” **Do you have ears to hear and eyes to see Jesus only?** Do you recognize Him as Governor, Ruler and Heir of the Universe? Do you realize that our worship of Jesus is greatly pleasing to the Father? We are commanded by Him to hear and see Jesus *alone*? Like Peter there is often too much we want to *build* for God. We become too enamored over people, church work and religious activity. Clearly, the Scriptures rebuke us when we try to find satisfaction in *anyone* and *anything* but Christ Jesus our Lord! He *alone* is worthy! He *alone* is to be worshipped!

This week - turn off the television, put down the novel and pull away from the radio. **Pick up God’s Love Letters!** In the mid-night hour when you’re troubled, He will touch you. When you lift your eyes each morning, His smiling face will grace your day! In the midst of difficult decisions, He will strengthen and counsel you. And when troubles arise, He will train your hands for the battle.

The *Wisdom & Power* of God is *only* heard and seen in Jesus Christ! **Will you come closer to Him this year? He’s waiting on you.**