

*Your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, **This is the way, walk in it.**" Whenever you turn to the right hand or whenever you turn to the left. – Isaiah 30:21*

PREPARING TO HEAR FROM GOD

Introduction to Lesson One

I. God Has Something to Say to Us

- A. God's Personal Word
- B. God's Guiding Voice
- C. God's Comforting Voice
- D. God's Purposeful Voice

II. Why God Speaks to Us

- A. Comprehending God's Truth
- B. Learning the Truth about God and Ourselves
- C. Being Comforted by God's Truth
- D. Communicating God's Truth to Others

III. How God has Spoken

- A. Ways God Does Not Speak to People
- B. God Speaks through Direct Revelation and Visions
- C. God Speaks through the Written Word and Prophets
- D. God Speaks through Circumstances and Angelic Messengers
- E. God Speaks through Jesus and the Holy Spirit

Prayers

God, thank You that You speak to us today. We praise and bless You for being so gracious, loving, kind, and willing to hear us. Today, I pray for those who have never received Christ, and never listened for Your voice. We pray the Holy Spirit would speak to their hearts the simple truth of the gospel, and they would be aware of Your presence in a real way. In Your name I pray, Amen.

Father, thank You for Your lovingkindness and Your tender mercy toward us. How often I must have had the wrong impression about You because I didn't understand the ways You speak to us today – because I saw You only as others taught me to see You. I pray the Holy Spirit will use this message to stir up, motivate, cleanse, and cultivate my life. Use it, Father, to compel me to continue to see You each day and listen for Your gentle voice.

Lord, I choose to listen for Your voice and hear from You – the God of the Bible. Thank You for showing me the many ways You have spoken to Your followers in the past . . . and still continue to speak to us today. I see that You are my loving Father, intimate friend, patient teacher, gentle guide, generous provider, faithful supporter, and understanding counselor. Help me to ever listen for Your voice, comprehend what You are saying, and follow Your direction.