

MONDAY SESSION RESOURCES

Session 1 – The World in which we find ourselves

1. Concerned in reconciling modern trends like yoga and occult practices which find their way into so many lives? I HIGHLY recommend this 32 minute video by a priest who was invested heavily in these matters in his seeking of God.

Guru or Jesus? <https://youtu.be/kHoKWxp8Imo>

2. Peter Herbeck Videos (videos are about 17 minutes in length)
 - a. Tonight's Video – Break the Power of Fear and Anxiety
<https://youtu.be/ee2UKa-IEJg>
 - b. Dimensions of Spiritual Combat
<https://youtu.be/8x7C62aRL-U>
 - c. Time to Lay It Down
<https://youtu.be/A89EeyB7Gm8>

Psalm 46

- ¹ God is our refuge and strength,
a very present^[a] help in trouble.
- ² Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;
- ³ though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.
- ⁴ There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.
- ⁵ God is in the midst of the city;^[b] it shall not be moved;
God will help it when the morning dawns.
- ⁶ The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice, the earth melts.
- ⁷ The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.^[c]
- ⁸ Come, behold the works of the LORD;
see what desolations he has brought on the earth.
- ⁹ He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear;
he burns the shields with fire.
- ¹⁰ "Be still, and know that I am God!
I am exalted among the nations,
I am exalted in the earth."
- ¹¹ The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.^[d]

MONDAY SESSION 2 - God' Love – the power to do *anything*

Where I am, there shall my servant be also. (Jn 12:26)

This identification with Christ is far beyond holding a “membership card” in the Catholic Church; far beyond being a regular parishioner and contributor to the weekly collection. It is about replicating the presence of Jesus in the world through our lives. The world no longer believes because they do not see Jesus in you and I! We go to Mass, but everything else about us is like the world: we eat like the world, indulge like the world, buy like the world, talk like the world, act like the world. And so the world says, “Christianity is meaningless because it changes nothing. In fact, religion does nothing but create problems...” They believe this because they see us Christians starting wars among ourselves. We fight and divorce and attack each other like the rest of the world. We do not forgive, forget, and forge on. We do not model the joy, zeal, and compassion of one who is saved. We do not live the simplicity, poverty, and detachment that becomes for the world a sign of contradiction. A prophetic sign that says, “God is with us! God is with us!”

While Public Revelation contains all that we need for our salvation, it does not necessarily reveal all that we need for our sanctification, especially at certain periods in salvation history.

Now is the hour to let go, and let the Spirit work the miracle of God’s life in you. Whether you are rich or poor, put everything now into the Father’s hands. DO NOT BE AFRAID. Imitate her who simply said, “Be it done to me according to your will.” And Jesus will begin to live again in this world, through you... a prophetic sign that God is still with us.

Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but a body you prepared for me... behold, I come to do your will, O God.

WE ARE AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST 2 Cor 5:19-20

“God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰ So we are **ambassadors** for Christ, God making his appeal through us.”

The Kingdom of God resides in you. We are in God’s love and His love is within us. His Kingdom is stronger than anything we may walk into. We may not feel that way but it is a spiritual reality we can act on.

“Walking in the authority of God and being able to minister the presence of God to other people whether they be atheists at Princeton, prostitutes in Puerto Rico, witches at Mt. Shasta, Russian mob bosses or the guy at the gas station down the street, I have learned to trust beyond healing, beyond an accuracy of a prophetic word, or the brilliance of my apologetics, it’s the presence of God which touches people’s hearts and transforms their lives. When I pray for people first and foremost, I ask the Lord to reveal His presence in the moment. I’ve learned to wait on that presence and give it room, and expect that His presence is going to move mountains in people’s lives.”

Robby Dawkins – When you pray for people look them in the eyes and say, “God loves you”

Pursue love, but strive eagerly for the spiritual gifts, above all that you may prophesy.
(1 Cor 14:1)

Abiding – a constant life-giving connection with Jesus that positions us to bear fruit that glorifies the Father. The degree that you spend time getting what God says to you into your heart is the degree that you abide in Jesus and bear fruit.

John 15:4-5 ⁴ Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. ⁵ I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in me, and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

How can we let God’s love anchor firmly in our hearts?

THE IMMINENCE AND TRANSCENDENCE OF GOD.

The God we can hear and the God whose face is too much to bear and moves us beyond words to express. In listening to God, we must both discern his voice and be a people of contemplation where the overwhelming, too immense for words power and love of God can envelop us.

CCC 2275 – Prayer is both a gift and grace and a determined response on our part. It always presupposes effort.

WE ARE ALWAYS IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Our ability to host God’s presence is the most determinant factor in living the Christian life: How can I sustain the presence of God? To have an inner sanctuary, a hermitage of the heart where you converse with God.

RENEWAL OF THE MIND

...therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewal of your mind... (Rom 12:1-2)

We can indeed recognize something of God's plan. This knowledge goes beyond that of my personal fate and my individual path. By its light we can look back on history as a whole and see that this is not a random process but a road that leads to a particular goal. We can come to know an inner logic, the logic of God, within apparently chance happenings. Even if this does not enable us to predict what is going to happen at this or that point, nonetheless we may develop a certain sensitivity for the dangers contained in certain things—and for the hopes that are in others. A sense of the future develops, in that I see what destroys the future—because it is contrary to the inner logic of the road—and what, on the other hand, leads onward—because it opens the positive doors and corresponds to the inner design of the whole. To that extent the ability to diagnose the future can develop. It's the same with the prophets. They are not to be understood as seers, but as voices who understand time from God's point of view and can therefore warn us against what is destructive—and on the other hand, show us the right road forward. —Cardinal Ratzinger, (POPE BENEDICT XVI), Interview with Peter Seewald in *God and the World*, pp. 61-62

It is tempting for some to regard the entire genre of Christian mystical phenomena with suspicion, indeed to dispense with it altogether as too risky, too riddled with human imagination and self-deception, as well as the potential for spiritual deception by our adversary the devil. That is one danger. The alternate danger is to so unreservedly embrace any reported message that seems to come from the supernatural realm that proper discernment is lacking, which can lead to the acceptance of serious errors of faith and life outside of the Church's wisdom and protection. According to the mind of Christ, that is the mind of the Church, neither of these alternative approaches—wholesale rejection, on the one hand, and undiscerning acceptance on the other—is healthy. Rather, the authentic Christian approach to prophetic graces should always follow the dual Apostolic exhortations, in the words of St. Paul: “Do not quench the Spirit; do not despise prophecy,” and “Test every spirit; retain what is good” (1 Thess 5:19-21). —Dr. Mark Miravalle, *Private Revelation: Discerning with the Church*, p.3-4

In fact, every single baptized Christian is him or herself *expected* to prophesy to those around them; first, by their witness; second, by their words.

The faithful, who by Baptism are incorporated into Christ and integrated into the People of God, are made sharers in their particular way in the priestly, prophetic,

and kingly office of Christ.... [who] fulfills this prophetic office, not only by the hierarchy... but also by the laity. He accordingly both establishes them as witnesses and provides them with the sense of the faith [*sensus fidei*] and the grace of the word. —Catechism of the Catholic Church, 897, 904

On this point, it should be kept in mind that prophecy in the biblical sense does not mean to predict the future but to explain the will of God for the present, and therefore show the right path to take for the future. —Cardinal Ratzinger (POPE BENEDICT XVI), “Message of Fatima”, Theological Commentary, www.vatican.va.

CCC 690 Jesus is Christ, “anointed,” because the Spirit is his anointing, and everything that occurs from the Incarnation on derives from this fullness.¹⁰ When Christ is finally glorified,¹¹ he can in turn send the Spirit from his place with the Father to those who believe in him: he communicates to them his glory,¹² that is, the Holy Spirit who glorifies him.¹³ From that time on, this joint mission will be manifested in the children adopted by the Father in the Body of his Son: the mission of the Spirit of adoption is to unite them to Christ and make them live in him:

The notion of anointing suggests. .. that there is no distance between the Son and the Spirit. Indeed, just as between the surface of the body and the anointing with oil neither reason nor sensation recognizes any intermediary, so the contact of the Son with the Spirit is immediate, so that anyone who would make contact with the Son by faith must first encounter the oil by contact. In fact there is no part that is not covered by the Holy Spirit. That is why the confession of the Son’s Lordship is made in the Holy Spirit by those who receive him, the Spirit coming from all sides to those who approach the Son in faith.¹⁴

DECLARATIONS

Gods Voice Scriptures in select scriptures

Dt 26:17 Today you have declared the LORD to be your God, and that you will walk in His ways and keep His statutes, His commandments, and His ordinances, and listen to His voice.

Luke9:35 From the Transfiguration account. “ And *then* a voice came from the cloud, saying, “This is My Son, *My Chosen One*; listen to Him!”

Psalm 85:8 Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.

FR. MATTHIAS THELEN VIDEOS

<https://encounterministries.us/hearinggodsvoice/?fbclid=IwAR2TF-WibPxHiM3LyRXg4kz6xXg8vCol26hvEsaH85guogaFTiWbDoUmDIE>

Hearing God's Voice

Contact with God is ALWAYS relational.

Our pride ignores relational connections. God abhors the proud. Pride leads us to simple answers rather than relational waiting on the Holy Spirit to speak.

Hearing God releases power and builds faith.

A person who wants knowledge apart from relationship are “fortune tellers”. Its not good to want and seek things you are not ready for.

The value we place on the word we receive will determine the power we receive from it.

+meditate on it

+make promises with that word

+ACT on that word

A constant prayer posture should be: ask the Lord to increase your faith.

Some Keys to Hearing God's Voice

1. Position yourself in faith to hear
 - a. I have an open heaven over me (Mk1:9-11)
 - b. I can hear Jesus' voice – John 10:1-5
 - c. I expect to hear his voice because I ask (Mt7:7)
2. Prepare and quiet yourself to receive
 - a. Focus your eyes on the image that Jesus wants to give me. Heb12:1-2
 - b. Enter into his presence with praise for who he is and thanksgiving for what he's done for me. Ps 100:4
 - c. I will be real about my problems and ask God direct questions.

- “God what do you want me to know right now?”God, how do you want to love me today?”, etc.
3. Look for Vision – I will pay attention to the spontaneous flow of vision (seeing) or impressions in your heart (feeling) that flow like a river. “Let anyone who thirsts come to me and drink.” Whoever believes in me, the scriptures tell us, “Rivers of living water will flow from within him.” (Jn7:38-39).
 - a. SEEING (images/scenes in imagination): Amen, amen I say to you, the son can do nothing on his own, but only what he sees his father doing. (Jn5:19).
+God speaks internally as well as outwardly.
+God speaks through creation.
 - b. HEARING (words of the voice of your mind) – “I tell you what I have seen in the Father’s presence then do what you have heard from the Father.” (Jn8:38)
 - c. FEELING (holy intuitions or sense upon your heart) - “may the eyes of your hearts be enlightened that you may know what is the hope that belongs to his call, what are the riches of glory in his inheritance among the holy ones” (Eph1:18)
 - d. KNOWING (information in the form of whole thoughts or impressions). “For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ” (1 Cor 2:16)
 - e. OTHER MEANS (God cannot be limited in what he has created)
+Dreams
+The other senses – smell, taste, tactile feeling,

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

1. The necessity of awareness and honesty. We have to know what’s going on in my mind. We can be unduly influenced by that which we are unaware of.
2. The clarifying power of surrender. Our attachments will keep us from hearing God’s voice.
3. The devil operates through DECEPTIONS.
4. God speaks according to his nature which is LOVE.
5. Consider the character and effect a word has on you.

THE PATTERN FOR RECEIVING WHAT GOD IS COMMUNICATING

Revelation – Interpretation – Application

Prohibitions in sharing what God may have imparted to you.

Testimonies