To Hear God's Voice

- Psalm 95:7-8 "If today you hear God's voice, harden not your hearts...."
- <u>Psalm 19:2-3</u> "The heavens declare the glory of God; the firmament proclaims the works of his hands. Day unto day pours forth speech; night unto night whispers knowledge."
- Romans 1:20 "Ever since the creation of the world, his invisible attributes of eternal power and divinity have been able to be understood and perceived in what he has made."
- <u>Job 12:7-8</u> "But now ask the beasts to teach you, the birds of the air to tell you; Or speak to the earth to instruct you, and the fish of the sea to inform you. 9Which of all these does not know that the hand of God has done this?"
- God used visions with such people as Abram, Samuel, Daniel, Baalam, nearly all the prophets Genesis 15:1 "Sometime afterward, the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision..."
- <u>1 Samuel 3:1</u> "During the time young Samuel was minister to the LORD under Eli, the word of the LORD was scarce and vision infrequent" vs. 3 'Lord called 'Samuel'
- <u>Daniel Chapter 7:1-2</u> "In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, as Daniel lay in bed he had a dream, visions in his head. Then he wrote down the dream; the account began: In the vision I saw during the night..."
- Numbers 24:4 "The oracle of one (Baalam) who hears what God says, and knows what the Most High knows, Of one who sees what the Almighty sees ,in waking visions and with eyes unveiled."
- <u>Joel 3:1</u> "I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream *dreams*, your young men will see *visions*."

Visions Peter, Cornelius & Ananias

- Acts of Apostles 9:10 "There was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias, and the Lord said to him in a *vision*, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord."
- Acts 10: 3 One afternoon about three o'clock, he saw plainly in a **vision an angel** of God come to him and say to him, "Cornelius."
- Acts 10:10" Peter was hungry and wished to eat, and while they were making preparations he *fell into a trance.*" Then Acts 10:17 "While Peter was in doubt about the meaning of the vision he had seen...."

Paul's visions, voices... etc

- Acts 9:3-6 "On his journey, as he was nearing Damascus, a light from the sky suddenly flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" He said, "Who are you, sir?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. Now get up and go into the city and you will be told what you must do."
- Acts 16:9 "During night Paul had a vision. A Macedonian stood before him and implored him with these words, "Come over to Macedonia and help us."
- Acts 18:9-10 "One night in a *vision* the Lord said to Paul, "Do not be afraid. Go on speaking, and do not be silent, for I am with you. No one will attack and harm you, for I have many people in this city."

- 2 Corinthians 12:1-4 "I must boast; not that it is profitable, but I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know someone in Christ who, fourteen years ago (whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows), was caught up to the third heaven. And I know that this person (whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows) was caught up into Paradise and heard ineffable things, which no one may utter."
- <u>2 Corinthians 12:8-9</u> "Three times I begged the Lord about this, that it might leave me, but *he said to me*, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.

John of Patmos' Visions (Whole Book of Revelation)

Revelation 1:10-11 "I John, I was *caught up in spirit* on the Lord's day and heard behind me a voice as loud as a trumpet, which said, "Write on a scroll *what you see* and send it to the seven churches..."

St Joseph spoken to and led through Dreams

- <u>Matthew 1:20</u> "Such was his intention when, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a **dream** and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home."
- <u>Matthew 2:13</u> "When they had departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a <u>dream</u> and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you."
- Matthew 2:19-20 "When Herod had died, behold, the angel of the Lord *appeared in a dream* to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel"
- **Wise Men** also warned in dream.... <u>Matthew 2:12</u> "And having been warned in a **dream** not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way."
- **Zechariah** Luke 1: 10-11 "Then, when the whole assembly of the people was praying outside at the hour of the incense offering, the angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing at the right of the altar of incense."
- Mary Luke 1:28-29 "And Gabriel coming to her, he said, "Hail, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be."

<u>Does God the Father speak outright in the New Testament?</u>

- Matthew 3:16-17 "After Jesus was baptized, he came up from the water and behold, the heavens were opened for him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."
- Matthew 17:5 "While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."
- John 12:28-30 "Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it and will glorify it again." The crowd there heard it and said it was thunder; but others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered and said, "This voice did not come for my sake but for yours."