

Can you hear him when he speaks?

Description

I reply to you, Behold, in this you are not just; God is superior to man. Why
Job 33:12-19,23,29-30 AMPC

This passage in the book of Job is important because it is the 1st time that we hear from Elihu, who allegedly had been amongst Job and his friends the entire time they were speaking in the previous chapters. In the past it was common and a sign of respect for young people to be silent in the presence of elders which Elihu did when he sat silently as Job's three older friends were offering answers on his current predicament. For 30 chapters Job and his friends exchanged intellectual opinions on the justice of God, and the reason for his troubles. After Job's friends ran out of "answers" for him, Elihu saw his opportunity to share what the Lord had laid on his heart. After questioning Job's "self-righteousness," Elihu comes with a mic drop moment:

For God [does reveal His will; He] speaks not only once, but more than once, e

Do you understand what you just read? Re-read it! God gives (wo)man insight or warns us of what's ahead, it's just that many of us don't understand or recognize it when he provides it. If you think back to the forefathers:

- Noah: God instructs him to build an ark AND gives him the dimensions (Genesis 6)
- Abraham: God tells him that he would be the father of many nations (Genesis 12)
- Israel/Jacob: God promised that he would see his father again, and that his descendants would be countless (Genesis 28)
- Joseph: God showed him that his family would bow to him, and told him later in life that he would bring his descendants out of Egypt (Genesis 37&50)
- Caleb: God allowed him, Joshua, and 10 others to see the promised land before they were to battle for it (Numbers 13)
- Daniel: God gave him visions of the downfall of Babylonian leaders, and the kingdoms that would rule the known world after them (Daniel chaps 4-12)
- The disciples: Jesus warns the disciples of persecution, yet they don't understand the message (Matthew 10)

These are only a few examples of God providing insight into what he had planned for his people before actually taking them through it. I heard Dr. Dharius Daniels say in a message that "God either gives you a destination without directions, or directions without a destination." God is JUST, and he never lays more on us than we can bare (1 Corinthians 10:13). He provides a way of escape for us in times of trouble, and even more importantly he will enter the troublesome times with us instead of leaving us to suffer alone (The fiery furnace (Daniel 3), or when he calms the storm (Matthew 14)). My advice is to be still, listen closely, and humble yourself before God so that you will be ready when he speaks.

Reflection Time

I would like each of you to take a real look and reflect at what you've been through in life, and think about the events that led up to it. Did you miss or not recognize when God spoke to you? How can you put yourself in a better position to hear from God? What caused you to not hear God's voice in the past or currently? Do you actually believe that God speaks to us, or more importantly you?

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