

House On The Rock Life Group Study outline 2022

November: Hearing God

Week 1 – How God speaks to us

Introduction

Imagine that you are in the middle of a dark room. It's dark, so dark that you can't see the palms of your hands. It's quiet, so quiet that you hear nothing but your own heartbeat. There's nothing to feel or touch. There's no perception, no taste, no colour, no direction, no purpose. *Nothing.*

What is the first thing you would ask for?

This is a trick question. The above events did happen early in the creation narrative of Genesis chapter 1 (except the part in which you were there). We can infer the answer to the question from what actually happened in that passage. God spoke.

But, why did God speak – what was his intent and purpose for speaking? How did He speak – did He open His divine mouth and flex His vocal cords, or did something else happen when God spoke? And when exactly did God speak?

Pilot text

Gen 1:2-3 2 The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. 3 Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light

1 Kgs 19:11-13 11 Then He said, "Go out, and stand on the mountain before the Lord." And behold, the Lord passed by, and a great and strong wind tore into the mountains and broke the rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; 12 and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a still small voice. 13 So it was, when Elijah heard it, that he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood in the entrance of the cave.

- Reflections
 - What resonates from the introduction and pilot texts? [Open discussion]
- Why does God speak to us? Consider the pilot scripture of [Gen 1](#)
- How does He speak to us?
 - [1Kgs 19:11-13](#), [Rom 1:19-20](#), [Heb 1:1-3](#), [Prov 11:14](#), [1 Cor 2:9-11](#)
- When does God speak?
 - [Gen 1:1-3](#), [Heb 1:1](#),