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SHEMA YISRAEL

Hearing the  
Voice of God

**Listening to the  
Voice  
Of Hashem (God)**

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For  
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**Can You Hear Me Now?**

We have a tremendous privilege as believers in Yeshua HaMashiach, we have a Father (Hashem) and He wishes to show us His love during our daily life and be involved in everything that concerns us.

His desire is we search for Him so that He can come closer to us. This does not mean that He expects us to spend every minute of our day on our knees in prayer, but He does want to have an intimate conversation with us as we are His own.

If we really want to hear from Hashem (God), we have to make lifestyle changes that create an atmosphere for Him to speak. Atmosphere can be defined as “the climate, environment or the predominant mood around you.” Have you ever noticed that you feel moods around you, like tension or strife?

Atmospheres are created by our attitudes. And there are some important attitudes we need to choose in our relationship with Hashem (God) that will make us sensitive to His voice.

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Hashem (God) is speaking, but the real question is, “Are we listening?”

When I’m talking with someone, if I can tell they aren’t listening to me, I stop talking. In the same way, Hashem (God) speaks to those who will listen to Him. We have to guard ourselves against a mentality of only listening for His voice when we’re desperate for a word of wisdom or need help in an emergency.

Years ago, HaShem (God) taught me a good lesson in this area. I was in the habit of only really seeking Him when I was desperate for help or a word from Him. One day, Hashem (God) spoke to my heart and said, “Gavriela, if you will seek Me all the time as if you are desperate, you won’t find yourself in as many desperate situations.”

This got my attention! I learned that it’s much easier to keep my spiritual ear continuously tuned in to hear Hashem (God) rather than trying to catch up and gain ground when life gets rough. Our relationship with Hashem (God) is based on our Faith in who He is, believing He loves and cares for us. Romans 10:17 (TLV) says, Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of Hashem (God). As we take time on a regular basis to pray and study the Torah (Old Covenant) and the Brit Chadashah (New Covenant),

we will develop a consistent habit of keeping our spiritual ear tuned in to Hashem (God)'s voice.

## **2. AN ATTITUDE THAT HONORS HASHEM (GOD)**

When we're struggling to make a decision or we're facing a problem we don't know how to handle, it's easy to go to people to get their opinion about what we should do instead of waiting on Hashem (God) for direction. However, when we do this, we are actually honoring the advice of people more than the wisdom of Hashem (God).

I often ask people, "When trouble strikes, do you run to the phone or to the throne?" What I mean is, do you first run to other people for help or guidance, or do you immediately run to Hashem (God)'s throne to receive strength, encouragement and wisdom?

I'm not saying we should never ask anyone for godly counsel. Hashem (God) can certainly lead us to discuss things with other people at times. But if we constantly have to know what "so-and-so" thinks or what they would do, then we're not trusting that we can hear from Hashem (God) ourselves.

I love John 2:27. It says the anointing of the Ruach-HaKodesh (Holy Spirit) "remains" (dwells in you) and that He "teaches you about all things." Hashem (God) wants us to be individually led by the Ruach-

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HaKodesh (Holy Spirit). If we're going to develop the ability to hear from Him, we need to start stepping out in faith, following the promptings of the Ruach-HaKodesh (Holy Spirit) that come to our heart. When you need answers, I encourage you to run to Hashem (God). Allow Him to speak to you by His Ruach-HaKodesh (Spirit). And if you make a mistake, trust Him to help you get back on track and keep moving forward.

In Psalm 40:6 (TLV), David says, Sacrifice and offering You do not desire. You have given me the capacity to hear and obey. Your law, a more valuable service than burnt offerings. David understood that he was honoring Hashem (God) and showing how He loved and trusted Him when he obeyed His commands.

The same is true for us. It doesn't do any good for Hashem (God) to talk to us if we're not going to listen and obey what He says or if we choose to only do the things we want to do. The way to experience Hashem (God)'s will for our lives is simple: pray and obey. Dr. Yonge Cho is the pastor of the largest Christian church in South Korea, you may have heard of him. When he was asked how he builds his church, his response was, "I pray and I obey." I love this!

Obedience to Hashem (God) is the key to hearing His voice not just sometime, but as a lifestyle. There's a big difference between a person who only prays for Hashem (God) to show them what to do when they are in trouble and someone who wholeheartedly follows Hashem (God) in the way they live.

I know it's not always easy to obey, especially when Hashem (God)'s showing you to do something you don't like or don't feel like doing. The truth is, we won't always be excited about the things Hashem (God) leads us to do, like humbling ourselves and apologizing when we've hurt someone.

But whatever He puts in our hearts to do, it's always for our good. And He will always be with us, giving us the wisdom and strength to obey when we hear His voice.

Here's a great place to start: Begin taking steps of faith by doing things you see in the Bible that clearly reveal Hashem (God)'s will. The more you obey, the easier it becomes to hear Hashem (God)'s voice and follow through on what He says.

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There is a lot of noise in the world around us,  
And one reason we sometimes have difficulty  
discerning Hashem (God)'s voice in our heart  
is because we're taking in too many different  
messages. One of the greatest things you can do to  
help block out the distractions of the world around  
you is to spend regular, set-apart time with Hashem  
(God).

I want to encourage you to take time to be still in  
Hashem (God)'s presence and listen for His still,  
small voice speaking to your heart. Study His Torah  
and Brit Chadashah and pour out your heart to Him  
in prayer. Get away from all of the distractions of the  
world.

As you do, you are creating the perfect atmosphere  
for Hashem (God) to speak. You will increase your  
faith and find it easier to believe what Hashem (God)  
is saying to you more than you believe what you  
think or feel or what your circumstances look like.

Hashem (God) has a tremendous plan for your life,  
and as you take time to seek Him, He will help you to  
walk out that good plan, leading and guiding you  
every step of the way.