

## Hearing God – Part 6

### God wants to lead you deeper

We have been studying about hearing from God. Last week, I shared a scripture from Isaiah 28 that says that God is *wonderful in counsel and excellent in guidance*. I shared 3 sure ways to always receive guidance from God.

Today I want to share with you that the same Holy Spirit who guides us in the practical aspects of our everyday lives, who speaks to us so we can make good decisions and have discernment in life, also speaks and guides us towards things that are deeper and not always obvious and part of our ‘natural’ existence. As we will see, the Holy Spirit guides us into the deeper things of God. That is where we are going today in this message.

**Job 11:7-9** - <sup>7</sup>“Can you search out the deep things of God? Can you find out the limits of the Almighty? <sup>8</sup>They are higher than heaven—what can you do? Deeper than Sheol—what can you know? <sup>9</sup>Their measure is longer than the earth and broader than the sea.

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#### Opening thoughts:

What an exciting concept: *the deep things of God*. When I think of that, I think that there are *depths* in God to be discovered, that our faith doesn’t need to be shallow, that our understanding and experience of God doesn’t have to be limited, incomplete or superficial.

*Can you search out the deep things of God? Can you find out the limits of the Almighty?*” - He wouldn’t be *Almighty* if He was limited. If His greatness could be measured or if He could be put in a box, then He wouldn’t be the Almighty. But He is - and He is limitless. He is a ‘no-limits’ God, but not an ‘off-limits’ God. We can search out the depths of God.

He is a limitless God and His salvation is also limitless:

**Psalms 71:15** - *My mouth shall tell of Your righteousness and Your salvation all the day, for I do not know their limits.*

His salvation (the word that summarises what He has done for us) is limitless - it doesn’t get exhausted in what happened at a church service, a prayer we prayed or a blessing we have received in the past. There is always more!

#### 1. The depths of God

*Can you search the deep things of God? – He is not ‘the man upstairs’, someone’s ‘mate’ or a ‘pocket God’ (this is the name of a popular computer game). He is the Almighty – El-Shaddai!*

a) His thoughts are very deep:

**Psalms 92:5** - *O Lord, how great are Your works! Your thoughts are very deep.*

b) His wisdom is deep

**Romans 11:33 TPT** (Passion Translation): *Who could ever wrap their minds around the riches of God, the depth of his wisdom, and the marvel of his perfect knowledge? Who could ever explain the wonder of his decisions or search out the mysterious way he carries out his plans?*

c) His love is deep

**Ephesians 3:18-19** – *may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height— <sup>19</sup> to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.*

Some of us have known the depths of sin, some even the depths of satan (Revelation 2:24) but we are now invited into the depths of God!

## **2. Searching the deep things of God**

*Can you search the deep things of God? - God invites us right into it when He said*

**Jeremiah 33:3** - *Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know.’*

**Daniel 2:22** - *He reveals deep and secret things; He knows what is in the darkness, and light dwells with Him.*

The same Holy Spirit that came to be our Helper and guide us in the practical aspects of our everyday life, also comes to guide us into *the deep things of God.*

**1 Corinthians 2:9-10** - <sup>9</sup> *But as it is written: “Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him. <sup>10</sup> But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God.*

There are things that God has prepared for us that are literally ‘out of this world’. If they were of this world, we could see them with our eyes, hear with our ears and our mind could conceive them. No. These are the deeper things of God. The Holy Spirit has come not just to guide us in this natural realm but to lead us into a deeper place.

**Verse 12-13** - <sup>12</sup> *Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God. <sup>13</sup> These things we also speak, not in words which man’s wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual.*

So, these 'things' are 'spiritual'. So many of us get so focused on the natural, natural things and natural thinking that we miss out on these deeper things of God - spiritual things.

**Verse 14** - *14 But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. V.16 - For "who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct Him?" But we have the mind of Christ.*

The mind of Christ is a spiritual upgrade from God so we can understand deeper and go beyond natural things.

### **3. The call to go deeper**

One of the problems with never going deeper with God is explained by Jesus in the parable of the sower:

**Mark 4:16-17 Message** - *16-17 "And some are like the seed that lands in the gravel. When they first hear the Word, they respond with great enthusiasm. But there is such shallow soil of character that when the emotions wear off and some difficulty arrives, there is nothing to show for it.*

One of the problems of someone not going deep enough with God is the danger of becoming vulnerable and exposed to the enemy and eventually a spiritual casualty. The deeper your root in God is, the harder will be for the enemy to pluck you out and defeat you.

### **Conclusion**

**Psalms 42:7** says, '*deep calls unto deep*'. God is calling us into a deeper place. That is what He is saying to us this morning.

In the 47<sup>th</sup> chapter of the book of Ezequiel there is a wonderful vision of a river in the temple of God. In it we see a description of the different depths of the river: ankle deep, knee deep, waist deep and eventually too deep to be crossed on foot.

Let us walk right into the river of God. Don't just get your feet wet but dive into the depth of that river.

Let your experience with His voice not be limited to natural things but be led right into the depths of God.

The Holy Spirit will always lead us into a deeper place in God.