



Great Expectations!

Lesson 3

WHO we _____ to hear determines **HOW** we listen!

1 Samuel 3:1-11

Spiritual Skill #1 _____ to speak to you!

- Expecting to hear God speak is a dangerous thing, because He might very well speak to you! *Exodus 19:10-20; 20:18-21; Hebrews 12:18-29*
- Expecting to hear God speak is a _____ we need to develop as our first strategy in how to listen to a sermon. 1 Samuel 3:1-11

1. Expecting to hear God speak is a _____ skill.

- We naturally expect to just hear a _____ speak to us. (1 Sam. 3:4-7)

Who Do We Come to Hear when the Bible Is Taught or a Sermon Is Preached?

Are we like young Samuel and only expect to hear from a man?

- Who we expect to hear speak will _____ how we listen and how we respond.

2. Expecting to hear God speak is a _____ skill.

- It requires the right attitude: Eager _____! 1 Sam 3:9-10

"Speak, LORD, for Your servant hears!" NKJV/ESV

"Speak, LORD, for Your servant is listening." NLT/NAS/NET/CSB/NIV

"Speak, GOD. I'm your servant, ready to listen." MSG

- 1) Samuel had the right attitude but toward the wrong person. 1 Sam 3:4-6, 8

"Here am I, for you called me!"

- 2) KJV has the most literal translation: "**Here** am I", but it is even **more literal** in Genesis 22:1 = "**Behold**, here I am."

- It requires the right action: Humble _____! 1 Sam 3:9-10

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- 1) Isaiah is the classic example of the right action. *Isaiah 6:8*

- 2) Abraham is the first to use the phrase, "*Here I am*," in the Bible and the ultimate example of the right action. *Genesis 22:1-3, 7, 11-13*

3. Expecting to hear God speak is a _____ skill.

Certain Conditions Must Be Met before We Can Expect to Hear God Speak:

- God's Word must be the _____. *1Thessalonians 2:13; 2:2; 2Timothy 3:16-17*
- God's Spirit must bring the _____. *1Thessalonians 1:4-5; 1 Corinthians 2:9-16*
- God's Man must be _____. *1Thessalonians 1:4-5; 2:2-8; 1Peter 4:11; Ephesians 4:11-12; Romans 1:1*
- God's People must be _____ and _____. *1Samuel 3:7; 3:2; 2:29; 1Thessalonians 2:13; 1:6-10*

Spiritual Skill #1 EXPECT GOD to Speak to You!

- Come with the **right expectation**: "**SPEAK, LORD**, for Your servant is listening!"
- Come with the **right attitude**: "*Here I am* **READY TO HEAR** from You!"
- Come with the **right intention**: "**WHATEVER** You say, I will be and do with all my heart!"