## HEARING GOD'S VOICE THROUGH PICTURES IN SPIRIT TO SPIRIT COMMUNICATION

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## APICTURE PAINTSA THOUSAND WORDS

#### HEREVEALED WHAT HE

#### SAW

22 "All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows who the Son is except the Father, and no one knows who the Father is except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him." 23 Then he turned to his disciples and said privately, "Blessed are the eyes that see what you see. 24 For I tell you that many prophets and kings wanted to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it."

Luke 10:22-24

#### HE TOLD WHAT HE SAW

37 I know that you are Abraham's descendants. Yet you are looking for a way to kill me, because you have no room for my word. 38 I am telling you what I have seen in the Father's presence, and you are doing what you have heard from your father." 39 "Abraham is our father," they answered. "If you were Abraham's children," said Jesus, "then you would do what Abraham did. 40 As it is, you are looking for a way to kill me, a man who has told you the truth that I heard from God. Abraham did not do such things.

John 8:37-40

#### HE DID WHAT HE SAW

19 Jesus gave them this answer: "Very truly I tell you, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does. 20 For the Father loves the Son and shows him all he does. Yes, and he will show him even greater works than these, so that you will be amazed.

John 5:19-20

#### THEENEMY

Accuser of the brothers and sisters

Revelation 12:10

Father of lies

John 8:44

Tempter (towards sin)

Matthew 4:3; 1 Thessalonians 3:5

#### DISCERNING THE AUTHOR OF A MESSAGE

# A message bears the nature of its author

#### HOLY SPIRIT

Helper, Advocate

John 14:16

Spirit of Truth

John 14:17, 15:26, 16:13, 1 John 5:6

Guide (towards truth)

John 16:13

#### THEENEMY

Unclean spirit

Matthew 12:43

Spirit that works in the children of disobedience

Ephesians 2:2

Thief (to steal, kill and destroy)

John 10:10

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#### HOLY SPIRIT

Holy Spirit, Spirit of Holiness

Romans 1:4, Acts 2:4, 33, 38, 4:8

Spirit of Adoption

Romans 8:15, 23

Spirit of life (abundant)

Romans 8:2, 6, 2 Corinthians 3:6

#### THE ENEMY

god of this age, world

2 Corinthians 4:4

Prince of the devils

Matthew 12:24

spirit of heaviness (causes despair)

Isaiah 61:3

#### DISCERNING THE AUTHOR OF A MESSAGE

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#### HOLY SPIRIT

Spirit of Grace

Hebrews 10:29

The Lord God of Hosts

Psalm 46:7, 11

Spirit of joy (causes us to overflow with hope)

Romans 15:13

#### THEENEMY

Accuser of the brothers and sisters

Revelation 12:10

## HOW CANIDISCERN WHERE THE MESSAGE COMES FROM?

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### HOLY SPIRIT OFTEN SPEAKS USING PICTURES

### THE HOLY SPIRIT IGNITES VISION

15 These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! 16 No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: 17"In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. 18 Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy.

Acts 2:15-18

#### ONAR - DREAM

A vision seen in your sleep as opposed to a waking vision.

Matthew 1:20 (angel), 2:12-13, 19 (angel), 22, 27:19 (Herod's wife)

#### ENUPNIOM - DREAM

A surprising vision seen in your sleep

Acts 2:17 (old men), Jude 8

#### HORAMA - VISION

It refers to waking visions but can also include visions in sleep.

Matthew 17:9 (transfiguration), Acts 7:31 (burning bush), 9:10,12 (Paul's vision while blind), 10:3 (Cornelius), 17-19, 11:5 (Peter's sheet), 12:9 (Angel releases Peter from prison), 16:9-10 (Paul's Macedonian call), 18:9 (Paul, stay in Corinth)

#### OPTASIA - VISION

It is translated vision - or letting oneself be seen

Luke 1:22 (John's father Zechariah), 24:23 (Emmaus men about angels at tomb), 26:19 (Paul about His encounter), 2 Corinthians 12:1 (Paul about being taken to heaven)

#### EKSTATSIS - ECSTASY

Literally, standing beside oneself with a sense of amazement or confusion or terror. Sometimes translated trance

Mark 5:42 (Talitha Koum), 16:8 (angel at tomb), Luke 5:26 (Lame walking), Acts 3:10 (Lame at Gate Beautiful), Acts 10:10 (Peter's sheet trance), Acts 11:15 (Holy Spirit baptism), Acts 22:17 (Paul's trance)

#### APOKALUPSIS -REVELATION

Literally means a disclosure, divine uncovering or revelation.

Romans 16:25 (mystery of the gospel), 1 Corinthians 14:6,26 (revelation), 2 Corinthians 12:1,7 (revelations from the Lord), Galatians 2:2 (Paul going up to Jerusalem).

# HOWDOESTHIS WORK?



#### AN INNER SCREEN?

In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon, Daniel had a dream, and visions passed through his mind as he was lying in bed. He wrote down the substance of his dream.

Daniel 7:1

I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened

Ephesians 1:18

#### IMAGES IN OUR MINDS

4 I, Nebuchadnezzar, was at home . . . 5 As I was lying in bed, the images and visions that passed through my mind terrified me.

**Daniel 4:4-5** 

19 After Herod died, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt 20 and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who were trying to take the child's life are dead."

1 Kings 3:5,15

#### PROJECTORS

- Natural sight (Other natural stimuli)
- Memory
- Imagination
- Holy Spirit (God)
- The enemy (Using the first 3)

# WHAT SHOULD I EXPECT?



## WHAT SHOULD I EXPECT?

- 1. A spontaneous picture appears on the screen of your mind
- 2. A picture appears while you are worshipping, in prayer for someone or asking God's advice
- 3. A dream that seems loaded with meaning from heaven

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- 4. Seeing into the spiritual realm or things outside of yourself
- 5. You get caught up in a vision, sometimes called a trance in Scripture

#### EXAMPLES

- 1. I'm setting someone free
- 2. Trouble in the mouth

God will use the furnishings of your mind to speak with you.

Your experiences, upbringing, emotions, education, skills and passions all add potential material that Holy Spirit uses to create a mental picture that means something specific to you



## GOD USES THE FURNISHINGS OF OUR MINDS

- 1. What is the first impression the image created?
  - 1. This is usually the core of what Holy Spirit wants to communicate.
  - 2. Think about the impression the image created Holy Spirit is quick to help

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- 3. There are often emotions, or a mood that the image invokes, pay attention to them but don't be overwhelmed by them
- 4. If its a word for others there are often pieces that I don't need to know so it's not necessary to know all the details
- 2. If you believe its from the Lord but you still don't understand

- 1. Write it down so that if the understanding takes awhile you can still remember the details
- 2. Pray and seek God's wisdom
- 3. Some study of scripture, imagery and commentary might be necessary
- 3. Ask select, key and respected people's opinion and counsel

# LETSTRYTHIS NOW



looked, and there before me

**Daniel 4:10** 

"In the visions I saw while lying in bed, I looked, and there before me was a holy one, a messenger, coming down from heaven.

**Daniel 4:13** 

In my vision at night I looked

Daniel 7:2

#### LETS TRY THIS NOW

Ask the Lord to show you what He is busy doing in and for your life.

As I looked, "thrones were set in place, and the Ancient of Days took his seat.

Daniel 7:9

In my vision at night I kept looking, and there before me was one like a son of man

Daniel 7:13

# TRYTHIS AT HOME