

Possible ways God speaks

Light Impression - quick and faint, might feel like a stray thought.

Strong Impression - strong and lasting, a booming phrase or strong feeling, may feel nearly audible.

Audible Voice of God — Saul (Acts 9:4), Moses (Exodus 33:19), Samuel (1 Sam 3)

- Exodus 3:4 "When the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am.""
- Deut 5:4 "The LORD spoke with you face to face at the mountain, out of the midst of the fire"

Picture - a still image, a sequence of images that flash through your head

- Jeremiah 1:11-12 "And the word of the LORD came to me, saying, "Jeremiah, what do you see?" And I said, "I see an almond branch." ¹² Then the LORD said to me, "You have seen well, for I am watching over my word to perform it."
- Jeremiah 24:1-5 "the Lord showed me this vision: behold, two baskets of figs placed before the temple of the Lord. **2** One basket had very good figs, like first-ripe figs, but the other basket had very bad figs, so bad that they could not be eaten. **3** And the Lord said to me, "What do you see, Jeremiah?" I said, "Figs, the good figs very good, and the bad figs very bad, so bad that they cannot be eaten." **4** Then the word of the Lord came to me: **5** "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Like these good figs, so I will regard as good the exiles from Judah"

Light Inner Vision - quick internal video, gone if not focused on

Strong Inner Vision - internal video, remains for a long time, usually can resume again

Open Vision — see a picture or scene that takes over the physical world

- Acts 9:3-7 "suddenly a light from heaven shone around him. ⁴ And falling to the ground, he heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" ⁵ And he said, "Who are you, Lord?" And he said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶ But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." ⁷ The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one."
- Daniel 7: 2-3 "Daniel declared, "I saw in my vision by night, and behold, the four winds of heaven were stirring up the great sea. **3** And four great beasts"
- Daniel 7:15-16,28 "As for me, Daniel, my spirit within me was anxious, and the visions of my head alarmed me. ¹⁶ I approached one of those who stood there and asked him the truth concerning all this. So he told me and made known to me the interpretation of the things." ²⁸ "Here is the end of the matter. As for me, Daniel, my thoughts greatly alarmed me, and my color changed, but I kept the matter in my heart."
- Daniel 8:2-3 "And I saw in the vision, and I was at the Ulai canal. **3** I raised my eyes and saw, and behold, a ram standing on the bank of the canal."
- Daniel 2:19a "¹Then the mystery was revealed to Daniel in a vision of the night."

Seeing in the Visible world — seeing an angel or demon visibly

- II Kings 6:17 Then Elisha prayed and said, "O LORD, please open his eyes that he may see." So the LORD opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw, and behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.
- Balaam's donkey sees an angel: Num 22:23 "And the donkey saw the angel of the LORD standing in the road, with a drawn sword in his hand."
- Balaam: Num 22:31 "Then the LORD opened the eyes of Balaam, and he saw the angel of the LORD standing in the way, with his drawn sword in his hand. And he bowed down and fell on his face."

Trances

- Peter fell into a trance – Acts 10:9-11 "Peter went up on the roof to pray. And he became hungry and wanted something to eat, but while they were preparing it, he fell into a trance. He saw heaven open and something like a large sheet being let down to earth by its four corners."
- Paul Acts 22: 17-18 "When I had returned to Jerusalem and was praying in the temple, I fell into a trance ¹⁸ and saw him saying to me, 'Make haste and get out of Jerusalem quickly, because they will not accept your testimony about me.'"

Dreams: Literal, Symbolic, Jesus or angelic encounters, the voice of God

- Daniel,
- Joseph (Gen 37:5-10 and Gen 40-41)
- Joseph the father of Jesus
- unbelieving king (Gen 41, Dan 2)

Scents/Fragrances – fragrant incense in the temple

Physical Sensations/Emotions -feel a wind that is not there, a pressure of a hand, tingling ear, trembling, quaking, heat or happy/sad feeling

- I Kings 19:11 ¹¹ And he said, "Go out and ^bstand on the mount before the Lord." And behold, the Lord passed by, and ^aa great and strong wind tore the mountains and broke in pieces the rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind. And after the wind ^dan earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake.

- Acts 4:31 ³¹ And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness.
- Isaiah 66:2 All these things my hand has made, and so all these things came to be, declares the LORD. But this is the one to whom I will look: he who is humble and contrite in spirit and trembles at my word.

Angelic Visitation – Abraham, Lot, Mary, Joseph, Zechariah, Daniel all had encounters with angels

- Daniel 8:15-17 “When I, Daniel, had seen the vision, I sought to understand it. And behold, there stood before me one having the appearance of a man. 16 And I heard a man’s voice between the banks of the Ulai, and it called, “Gabriel, make this man understand the vision.” 17 So he came near where I stood. And when he came, I was frightened and fell on my face.”
- Genesis 19:1 The two angels came to Sodom in the evening, and Lot was sitting in the gate of Sodom. When Lot saw them, he rose to meet them and bowed himself with his face to the earth
- Rev 1:1 The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show to his servants^a the things that must soon take place. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John

Visitation of Jesus- Samson’s parents (Judges 13), fiery furnace (Daniel 3), Abraham and Sarah (Genesis 18)

- Numbers 22: 30-31 “And the donkey said to Balaam, “Am I not your donkey, on which you have ridden all your life long to this day? Is it my habit to treat you this way?” And he said, “No.” Then the Lord opened the eyes of Balaam, and he saw the angel of the Lord standing in the way, with his drawn sword in his hand. And he bowed down and fell on his face.”
- 1 Kings 19:7 “And the angel of the LORD came again a second time and touched him and said, ‘Arise and eat, for the journey is too great for you.’”

Caught up in the Spirit

- II Cor 12:2-4 (Paul) “I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. ³ And I know that this man was caught up into paradise—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows— ⁴ and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter.”
- John on Patmos: Rev 4:1-2 “After this I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, ‘Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.’ ² At once I was in the Spirit, and behold, a throne stood in heaven, with one seated on the throne.”