

# Listening To What God Says

## PART 2

We can know when God is speaking by the content of the conversation.  
 What God says about...

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**John 16:8** *And when he comes, he will convict the world of its sin, and of God's righteousness, and of the coming judgment.*

1. God \_\_\_\_\_ you.

2. God is \_\_\_\_\_.

**1 Sam 2:2** *There is no one holy like the LORD; there is no one besides you; there is no Rock like our God.*

**Is 6:3** *Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory.*

3. God's \_\_\_\_\_ with you is blocked by sin.

**Is 59:1-2** *Listen! The LORD's arm is not too weak to save you, nor is his ear too deaf to hear you call. 2 It's your sins that have cut you off from God. Because of your sins, he has turned away and will not listen anymore.*

Conviction	Condemnation
Definite and Specific. The Lord tells you exactly what you have done.	Indefinite and vague. I feel guilty but can't identify any specific sin.
Recognizable. It is something unconfessed and unforgiven that I recognize - usually in the immediate past.	Imaginary - I can't put my finger on it. Or something from my past I've already taken care of through repentance and forgiveness that Satan is still trying to condemn me for.
Definite solution. The Holy Spirit tells me how to take care of the sin. When I obey, I get relief from guilt.	Usually no solution. If any solution is offered it is irrational and unscriptural. Guilt intensifies. No relief.

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**Matt 10:29-31** *What is the price of two sparrows—one copper coin? But not a single sparrow can fall to the ground without your Father knowing it. 30 And the very hairs on your head are all numbered. 31 So don't be afraid; you are more valuable to God than a whole flock of sparrows.*

He will correct your \_\_\_\_\_, but he never condemns your worth.

**1 Cor 1:2-9** *I am writing to God's church in Corinth, to you who have been called by God to be his own holy people. He made you holy by means of Christ Jesus, just as he did for all people everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, their Lord and ours. 3 May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ give you grace and peace. 4 I always thank my God for you and for the gracious gifts he has given you, now that you belong to Christ Jesus. 5 Through him, God has enriched your church in every way—with all of your eloquent words and all of your knowledge. 6 This confirms that what I told you about Christ is true. 7 Now you have every spiritual gift you need as you eagerly wait for the return of our Lord Jesus Christ. 8 He will keep you strong to the end so that you will be free from all blame on the day when our Lord Jesus Christ returns. 9 God will do this, for he is faithful to do what he says, and he has invited you into partnership with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.*

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**Luke 6:27-28 (MSG)** *"To you who are ready for the truth, I say this: Love your enemies. Let them bring out the best in you, not the worst. 28 When someone gives you a hard time, respond with the energies of prayer for that person.*

**Eph 4:2-3** *Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love. 3 Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace.*

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**Rom 10:17** *Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ.*

**Rom 10:17 (MSG)** *The point is, Before you trust, you have to listen. But unless Christ's Word is preached, there's nothing to listen to.*

- \_\_\_\_\_ - Greek for the general word of God.

- \_\_\_\_\_ - Greek for a specific word from God.

**2 Cor 4:16-18 (MSG)** *So we're not giving up. How could we! Even though on the outside it often looks like things are falling apart on us, on the inside, where God is making new life, not a day goes by without his unfolding grace. 17 These hard times are small potatoes compared to the coming good times, the lavish celebration prepared for us. 18 There's far more here than meets the eye. The things we see now are here today, gone tomorrow. But the things we can't see now will last forever.*