

God Talk 2: Hearing God

Study Notes

1st Samuel 3 verses 1 to 11

Last week we looked at our connection with God. We noted that, from the beginning, humans tried to connect with some form of God. This week we looked at the question, *'Why would God want to talk to me?'*

Read **1st Samuel 3** and read verses 1 to 11. Eli points Samuel to an awareness of God.

But, if God is spirit, how does he communicate?

We suggested that the 'higher consciousness' - the spirit - of humans, was something animals didn't have.

In what ways would humans exhibit a 'higher consciousness'?

Part of communicating with God involves being filled with his Spirit. This is intimacy. We suggested that such intimacy is also communal, as he connects us together.

What help should church 'life' be to our relationship with God?

Read **Joel 2 verses 28 to 29**. This appears to be a prophecy about intimate communion with God wherever and whenever you are.

How should that play out?

We said the goal is to be more like God on the inside to have a stronger, clearer identification with him. God can help us adapt to his way of thinking.

Does the knowledge that God is with us all the time, through Jesus, help in day-to-day problems? In what way?

Finally, we noted that God seems to come as a whisper, that you only hear when you're still and quiet. Then we said it's not enough to hear God. We have to believe and obey, to reach that place of surrender; to simply want to know his heart.

If such an attitude cannot be forced, are there practical steps we can take to make it easier to achieve? What?