

June 1st

*"The voice from heaven, saying: This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased."
(Matt 3:17)*

John the Baptist came into the world to prepare the way for the Lord Jesus Christ. He began preaching repentance in the wilderness, but the message was not an easy one for the people to accept. People came from far places to hear him, and it was not a message to please them that he preached, but a message with the authority of the living God. He made no distinction when he said: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand".

Those who heard the message repented of their sins and confessed them and were baptized. Some may have thought that they would receive some sort of blessing by being baptized by such a great prophet. Some of those who came to be baptized were even of the leaders of the nation, and looking at them John exclaimed, "Oh the wrath to come? Bring forth fruit, therefore, meet for repentance".

One day the Lord Jesus Christ Himself came to be baptized. The scripture says in John's Gospel, that till that day, John the Baptist did not himself know who the Lord Jesus really was (John 1:31). Our Lord Jesus Christ came very quietly among the crowd and requested John the Baptist to baptize him. John of course knew something about Jesus naturally. Being his cousin, but he did not know that He was the Messiah. When John saw the heavens opened and the Holy Spirit descend on Jesus Christ as a dove, then he knew for certain who He was. The next day, he declared: "Behold the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world".

June 2nd

"This is the way, walk ye in it." (Isa.30. 21)

It was only when the Voice of God spoke that John knew who Jesus was. Unless you also hear the Voice of God you will never know who God is. You may have attended many meetings, you may know much of the Bible, and you may have made many sacrifices, but unless you hear the Voice of God, all these things are of no value to you spiritually.

The Lord did not begin His ministry by doing miracles. Till that day He had not performed a single miracle, nor had He preached a single sermon. It was only after the Voice of God declared His identity that John understood and declared who Jesus was.

If you want to enjoy the grace of God, and to understand His power in fullness, and to know the mind of God every day, then the secret of hearing His still small Voice every day and many times during the day. God does speak, the living and the mighty God and He wants us to hear His voice and listen to Him. May we all learn this secret. We must hear the Voice of God every day saying to us: 'This is the way, walk ye in it' (Isa.30.21). How simple these words are. When you are about to take a wrong turning, either to the right or to the left, there comes that still small Voice saying: 'Don't go this way, don't go that way; there is some danger there'. In this way all of us can be guided daily in the right path.

June 3rd

"God answered him by a Voice." (Exod.19:19)

As long as we are in the world all of us have to face temptation. It does not matter who you are, where you are, or what you are doing. As human beings we have to face many temptation and difficult situations and troubles of one kind or another. But when we can hear the Voice of God clearly we can meet these situations victoriously. God shows us in His Word, how from the very beginning of our spiritual life we must learn to hear His Voice.

In the beginning of 1Kings 19, the wicked queen Jezebel threatened to kill Elijah may have thought God would surely punish Jezebel. He went and sat under the juniper tree, for he was angry with God for failing to punish her that is hoe we behave sometimes. This is how we misunderstand God and began to doubt Him. But God's ways are not our ways they are higher than our ways: He will not work in our way Elijah perhaps thought God was not doing His duty because He did not punish Jezebel, so he told the Lord: " Lord, from today onwards, I'm not going to be your prophet". Now, if you are in govt. service you have to give 'three months' notice if you wish to resign, but Elijah gave just one day's notice! "take away your prophet ship from me today;" he said in effect , I'm not going to speak in your name from today you have gone to sleep and are not doing your job!"

June 4th

"After the fire a still, small voice." (I Kings 19:12)

Many a time we also think the same. We want to dictate to God. But God was not sleeping! He took Elijah to the mountain-top and there dealt with him in a wonderful way. First there was a very strong wind; but God was not in the wind. Then came the earthquake which shook the mountain. But scripture says God was not in the earthquake. Then there came fire, but God was not in the fire. After that, there came a still small Voice and God spoke to Elijah and told him clearly where and when and how He would judge Jazebel. At the same time He revealed to him many other things about coming events.

In the Bible we hear God speaking. God does speak, and if you believe in God, you must listen when He speaks. He is not something abstract. He is a person. We can know Him, hear Him, be led of Him, and know Him more intimately than we know anybody else. You may have been living with friends for many years and yet do not know them fully. You may live with your wife and children for many years and yet you dare not tell them everything. There are certain thoughts which we cannot share with others: but we can speak to God freely and tell Him every thought. We can go to Him at any time, anywhere, and hear His voice.

June 5th

"The voice of the Almighty when He speaketh" Ezek 10:5.

Once, only prophets or high priests were able to hear the Voice of God. If others wanted to hear what God had to say, they had first to go either to prophet or the high priest. When ever David was in trouble, he had to send for the high priest Zadok to help him to hear the Voice of God. To help man to hear God's Voice Jesus Christ came into the world, and for this reason, at the very beginning of His ministry, the Holy Spirit came upon Him and God spoke from heaven.

In His baptism, our Lord was prophesying how He must die, be buried and rise again. This He proclaimed in this symbolic way at the very beginning of His ministry. In Mark 8:31, 9:31, He talks of this in a more clear and specific way, and even before His crucifixion, prophesied His death. In baptism He spoke symbolically that He must give His life for sinners and conquered death. Then the heavens opened and God's Voice was heard. Those who know the Lord Jesus by experience see heaven open everyday; they claim God's grace, mercy, love and power day by day; and they have the gift of Holy Spirit to lead them, help them, because mysteries and spiritual truths can not be understood by ordinary wisdom. You too can hear the Voice of God every day according to your need and thru the inward voice can know exactly what God expects of you, and wants you to do.

June 6th

"Repent Ye, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand". Matt 3:2

The next question is, how can anyone of us hear God's Voice clearly and definitely everyday? The answer is in the same chapter, Mathew 3:2 "Repent ye!". That was the first message declared boldly and with authority by John the Baptist. The same message was given by the Lord Jesus Christ on the day of His baptism (Matt 4:17). In Greek the word 'repentance' means 'write about turn'. First I look straight ahead; then I turn my back and face the other way. That is called repentance.

As sinners we face the devil with our back towards God because we get much more pleasure in obeying Saturn than God. By hearing the word of God and knowing the result of sin, we repent and turn our backs to the devil and our faces towards God. But in many cases it is only half-repentance, or two-thirds repentance! Men want both masters! When they are in trouble they want God, otherwise they want to serve the devil. Repentance is not repentance unless it is full and complete. We require the grace and help of God to repent and turn our back on the devil.

We are told in the same chapter (Vs 13 and 14) how John was surprised to see Jesus coming to him. Unless you humble yourself, you will not understand the meaning of God's kingdom. Even though Jesus had much more power and authority than John the Baptist, He humbled Himself for your sake and mine, and went to John to be baptized. The Lord was saying in a symbolic manner that humility is a secret of divine favor.

June 7th

"We are buried with Him by baptism into death." (Rom 6:4)

Our Lord prophesied three things by His baptism. In Rom 6, baptism speaks of death, burial and resurrection; a three-fold inward change which is expressed outwardly in baptism. In many cases it is only a ritual or ceremony. That is why there is so much barrenness in many who are called Christians. Baptism is a testimony and not a ceremony. Unless we are taught this we live very poor Christian lives. Unless our sins are buried and forgotten we cannot have real peace. Otherwise we are going to be haunted by the memory of sins committed. Today you can be freed from every memory of sin. He died to take away our condemnation. He died that we may die to our sinful nature.

Just as cancer has to be removed with all the surrounding tissues and muscles, so also by faith we have to take into us the power of death to die to our desires and thoughts. We do not die by saying so. I may say in the morning, 'I will not do it; I will not do it.' But the brain starts working: it says, 'It does not matter; it does not matter!' we go ahead and fall again. We cannot gain victory in our own power. As we receive into us the power of death so also we receive into us a new life called the power of His resurrection, which gives us a hunger and thirst for the things of eternity. In due course we are given ears to hear the Voice of God.

June 8th

"Make thy way straight before my face" Psa 5:8.

After six days the Lord Jesus Christ took them to a high mountain and was transformed before them. Then there came a voice from heaven saying "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased". God tells us by this means that if we want divine life to come into us, we must die to our old nature. We can never die to our selves without His help. When the Lord died He died to help us to die to ourselves. The proof is that the more we obey Him the more the divine light is seen upon our faces. It is a reflection of the Glory of God which shines more and more as we obey God.

The Lord Jesus Christ rose again to pour into us new life, and the power of His resurrection. It is only by that life that we can hear the still small Voice. It is, indeed, a still small Voice. It is not a human Voice, and it is only by experience that we recognize it as we follow Him. Follow the simple divine way to have power, and then all your questions can be answered day by day. In-order to follow this simple way you have first to repent sincerely. Confess every sin without reservation. Believe from the heart and say in simple faith: "The Lord Jesus Christ died in my stead, for my sins, to take away my condemnation". Thank Him for dying for you. Say to Him: "Show me from thy Word thy hidden mysteries, and thy plan for me today, and for the future". Then you will find the Voice of God coming into your ears everyday.

June 9th

"The life of the flesh is in the blood". Lev.17:11

We have a spirit, a soul and a body (Gen. 2:7). When God made man He breathed His own spirit into him. Bones, blood and muscles make the body; intellectual reasoning, emotion and will-power make the soul; conscience, intuition and worship are faculties of the spirit. These are the three main parts of man: body and soul and spirit. Because of sin death enters our spirit as well as our body. Every thought, word and deed we do against our God, we do by killing our conscience. If I want to tell a lie, my conscience. Unknowingly we bring death into our spirits, by our thoughts, words and deeds. We are unable to hear the Voice of God, or feel His presence, or touch Him because of our dead spirit.

When we receive into us the life of Jesus Christ, again we undergo a three-fold change. The love of God can only be poured into the same spirit. It cannot be put into my bones, blood or muscles. God is a spirit and before that pure life can come into my spirit God must cleanse me, purge me and purify me completely. We claim by faith His precious blood for our cleansing because His blood alone contains everlasting life. Our blood contains physical life. We can go on living only as long as our hearts are beating. God declared a long time ago in Lev.17:11. 'The life of the flesh is in the blood'.

June 10th

"For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption". Psa. 16:10

The Lord Jesus Christ did not sin and He was perfectly holy, having been conceived by the Holy Spirit, and He could challenge His enemies; "Which of you convinceth me of sin? (John 8:46). No one dared to take up the challenge. That is why His blood has purchased for us everlasting life, and also saw no corruption (Psa. 16:10).

The body of our Lord saw no corruption, and in that same body He rose again. "Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood hath eternal life.' We receive that truth by faith, for by His blood we are cleansed and filled with His eternal life, and it is then and only then that we are able to feel the presence of God. In this new life we find a proportionate work going on in the body, the soul and the spirit, when we are indwelt by the spirit of God. Then we can hear His Voice daily, saying: "This is the way, walk ye in it. My son, be careful, take heed. My child, come unto Me; let Me show you something: let Me teach you something."

Sometimes when we are fast asleep we wake up suddenly as if we heard a Voice calling to us. I have been fast asleep and have heard someone call me by my name clearly. I thought at first it was a dream or my imagination. When I went to sleep, again I heard the Voice and woke up. Sometimes this would happen for three times, and then would come the Voice saying: "My child get up, I want to speak to you." What a privilege, what an honor it is to receive God's Word day by day according to our need.

June 11th

"The fool hath said in his heart; There is no God" Psalm 14:1.

"Son be of good cheer; Thy sins be forgiven thee." Matt 9:2.

Before the Lord Jesus came into my life I was an Atheist. I said: "There is no God!" I used to make fun of those who believed in God. I heard the Voice of God one day clearly, on the 16th of December 1929, saying: "My Son, Thy sins be forgiven thee". That is how I began my walk with God. The life of God came into me, and when that happen I underwent a three fold change of the spirit, sole and body. I was given a quickened spirit, and enlightened sole and cleansed body. Soon after that I began to read the book of Genesis in the month of January 1930. I found these words again and again in the same chapter: "God said." I found these words repeated 500 times and this very fragment was a blessing to me: " God speaks, God speaks". So I said, "Oh God, speak to me I want to hear thy Voice. I have no ambition for any other experience. The longing of my sole is that you should speak to me and show me thy way day by day". I believed like a child. Even though it may take sometime to learn the lesson that God must speak, the fact remains that when He becomes real He does speak. A day came when I began to hear His voice every day. That is why I want you also to hear His voice and learn the lessons He wants to teach.

June 12th

"Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again he cannot see the Kingdom of God" (John 3.3)

We are now going to see the second way of hearing His voice. First we saw how the heaven was opened at the time of Christ's baptism. Saul became Paul when he heard the voice of God (Acts 9:3). He saw divine light and not sunlight. It suddenly began to shine round him very brightly. When he saw the light he fell down. You may not see such a light as Saul saw. But the same light can move into all of us without being seen.

The Lord Jesus Christ is the Light of the world and He is the divine Light to show us our inward condition. And the sins which were hidden for so many years now come to light. It happened to me, though I did not see the light with these ordinary eyes. It was by reading that tiny fragment in John 3:3. 'Verily, Verily, I say unto you' that my eyes were opened. These words went on ringing in my ears. 'I say unto thee, I say unto thee, I say unto thee.' I replied "Lord in that case, I am a sinner. I have uttered words of blasphemy against you. I tore the Bible in 1919. " Then I knelt down and I saw many things from my past life which I had forgotten entirely.

The same thing happened to Saul. He had been trying to follow God intellectually, but he had not seen his inward condition. Now he saw the whole light coming to him and cried as in Rom. 7:18. "To will is present in me; but how to perform that which is good I find not" But the Lord Jesus Christ said in a few words: "Unknowingly you have been doing damage to my work." Only the light coming into us can show us how much damage we are doing to God's work and to ourselves. Only the light of God can show us our true condition.

June 13th

"And He said, who art thou, Lord? and the Lord said: I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: It is hard for thee to kick against the pricks. Act. 9:5"

Let the light of God come into you fully. Do not hinder it. In the beginning it will be a very humbling experience. Saul was extremely proud of his knowledge and cleverness but the light of God brought him right down upon his face that man was carrying many papers in both arms, with authority from the priests allowing him to put into prison any believer he came across. His brain was full of ideas and his hands full of warrants. He was racing to capture the believers at Damascus, but both his ideas and the papers flew away. There he was in the dust and the Lord was saying to him, "you are wasting your time, money and energy. You are kicking against the pricks you your self will be hurt. Saul, do you think you can stop My work? You do not know how much damage you are doing to your self".

Saul was blind for three days that he might acknowledge his spiritual blindness before God." Who art thou Lord?" He asked. the lord answered: " I'm Jesus, Who thou persecutest," when you hate and persecute my people you are doing it to Me. but I am the savior. Even though you hate My name and blaspheme it ,yet I love you. Saul I love you Saul even for you I shed My blood and gave My life.

June 14th

"And after he had seen the vision, immediately we endeavor to go to Macedonia, assuredly gathering that the Lord had called us for to preach the Gospel unto them" Acts 16:10.

Saul replied to the Voice: 'Lord! What will thou have me to do?'. The Lord asked him to go to Damascus where he would be told what he was to do. Even though he was well known, he had first of all to obey God and do exactly what God told him. The Lord did not tell him many things personally (Acts 9:6). An unknown person was sent to him; Ananias, by name. He was an ordinary person and not an apostle. We do not know much about him. If the Lord wanted He could have Himself explained to Paul all the way of salvation, but He did not do that. He sent Ananias to explain to Him. That was the voice of God to him and Saul humbled himself and believed what ever Ananias told him. "No I know this wonderful way," he thought " My sins have gone. I have been persecuting Him who died for me". Then he was baptized through Ananias. From that time onward he heard the Voice of God a number of time.

Through all his life and ministry, by listening to the Voice of God, Saul went on to do His will (Acts 16). The Lord began to work mightily in Galatia and Mysia, and Paul wanted to go into Bithynia, a Spirit suffered him not. Then he asked, "Lord, can we stay in Galatia?". Then the Lord said, "No". The same with Mysia. Then came the Voice of God: "Come over to Macedonia." Though it was on the other continent, he obeyed. That is how the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ entered into Europe. Saul and those with him heard and obeyed and trouble came in Acts 18:9, what a privilege it was to suffer for His name.

June 15th

"There stood by me this night the angel of God, whose I am, and whom I serve, saying, Fear not Paul, thou must be brought before Caesar: and lo, God hath given thee all them that sail with thee" (Acts 27:23-24).

In Acts 27, the ship was in great danger, and the 276 people in the ship had no hope that they were going to live. They were afraid because of the terrible storm. They had cast out the tackling to lighten the ship, and the sailors even attempted to flee, but Paul stopped them. That night God had spoken to Paul: " Fear not Paul, thou must be brought before Caesar and lo! God had given thee all them that sail with thee." This voice of God brought faith. Outwardly it was impossible that they would be saved, and there was not the least hope left, but God had assured him that he and the 276 people were safe. Paul had eaten well and slept well. He was not afraid, and now he encouraged the others to eat also. It is the consciousness of God's voice and not man's voice. First of all, God's presence is realized by praising God and reading His Word, and then we hear His Voice. If I find my faith increasing I know it is not man's voice, and by later experience we come to recognize the Voice more readily.

If you want to hear the Voice of God, let the Lord Jesus Christ come and rule in your heart. Receive His divine light and do not be afraid to confess your sin. Remember He died for your sins. Accept Him as your living Savior, then speak to Him as your Friend day by day, for you can talk to him anywhere on any matter, and He will surely talk with you. Remember only this, when you hear His Voice, obey at once.

June 16th

"The voice of the Lord is upon the waters, the ... God of glory thundereth." (Psa 29:3).

One day, without my going to any meeting or anyone coming to speak to me, I heard the voice of God speaking to me in my own room and I know that it was God who was speaking to me. He changed my life forty years ago. Thank God that He has saved a sinner like me, and that I now have the privilege of hearing His Voice everyday. I can testify to His glory that He answers my questions and solves my problems day by day, however difficult they may be.

We can see as we study the different portions of the Scriptures, how God came into the lives of many men and women of old, and enabled them to hear His Voice. God uses many different ways and circumstances to teach us to know His ways. May He teach each one of us the secret of hearing the still small voice of God. This secret is revealed to us from the passage in Matt 17:5, in the words that came from heaven : " this is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased, hear ye Him". The disciples could not understand, at that time, what it meant. To them it was words and sounds only. They could not enjoy what God said.

On the other hand, something happened when Saul heard the Voice of God. When Saul and his companions were on the way to Damascus (Acts 9) these words came clearly to him: "Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou Me?" Now Saul's companions heard the Voice but not the words. It sounded like thunder to them.

June 17th

"The path of the just is as a shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day." (Pro. 4:18).

This was the condition of the people in Matt. 17. They heard many sermons which were quite simple, but they could not understand what their real meaning was.

On one occasion our Lord Jesus Christ said; "Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees ", but it so happened that day they had forgotten to take bread with them. The disciples thought that they had forgotten to do so the Lord was warning them. Many a time, they could not understand what He meant. In the same way you may be hearing many sermons but the words do not become your daily experience. In many cases they enter by one ear and go out through the other. We appeal to you that not to give up till you learn to hear and understand when the Lord speaks to you. It is only when you learn this that your lives become transformed. You will find your burdens lifted, your eyes opened, your fears and doubts cleared, and all the enemy devices defeated. It is a wonderful thing to hear the voice of the Lord.

Remember that you cannot hear the voice of the Lord without divine light. This is the first step if you want to know clearly and definitely the Voice of God. The light of God will come into you and it will go on shining brighter day by day (Pro. 4: 18). The light may come to you like a tiny ray, but it will become brighter and brighter as you obey Him. Without divine light you cannot know, or see or hear God.

June 18th

"And the Voice that came from heaven we heard, when we were with Him in the Holy mount". (2 Peter 1:18).

In 2nd Peter 1:16-21 again Peter testifies how our Lord Jesus Christ had become so real to him. Peter testified in his letter that he was not following cunning fables. In the mountain top they saw the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ and had heard God's voice, and that voice had changed them completely (2 Pet. 1: 18). Peter says "Don't think we are the only people who had the privilege of hearing God's Voice. You may say in your heart:" Peter it was your privilege to be on the mountain top and see His glory and transfiguration. What about men like us? How can we hear His Voice and see His glory. It may have been true in that period, but men like us of this period cannot hear His Voice." That answer is in the verse following (2 Pet. 1 : 19). "We have also a more sure word of prophesy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in the dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts." Peter says there that if you really receive by faith the Word of God in your hearts , the Word coming into you will become shining light to let you see for yourself that God is light . That is the ministry of the Holy Spirit. In God's Word first we see ourselves as we are, then we see God in His true glory and love.

June 19th

"God is light and in Him no darkness at all." 1 John 1:5.

In the eyes of the Lord, any sin of any kind is equally bad. One defiling touch in a wound could bring death. One tiny germ could bring death to the whole family. Sin of any kind is equally destructive, horrible and terrible. Only the light of God that comes into us delivers us from the damage caused by our thought, word, or deed, and very same light shows the glory, beauty and majesty of our living savior. When men uncover our sins they do so to put us to shame, but the light of God uncovers our sins to help us to confess them and have them cleansed away. We have the assurance of prophesy that we do not have to go on the mountain -top to see His glory. Anywhere, wherever we are, there we can see His glory and beauty. This is possible only when divine light comes into us, and we receive in our spirit the Word of God.

If you want to receive the light of God, then first of all believe from your heart that Bible is the true Word of God, from Genesis to Revelation. Even though we cannot understand what we read sometimes, it still remains the Word of God. It can never change. It is not of any private interpretation, holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit. Hear and read the Word of God with respect, reverence and faith and go on saying step by step: "Lord speak to me from thy Word. That is how we can learn to hear the Voice of God.

June 20th

"Lead me in thy truth and teach me." (Psa. 25.)

I was convinced at the first reading of the Bible, that it was the word of God. So I said, " Lord, I respect this book, this is Thy word. Kindly teach me and speak to me through its pages. Even though I may not understand everything in the beginning, Lord, I will never doubt Thy word. Do take Your own time and teach me the meaning of Your word, either now or even if it takes one or two years. I will not worry You. I want You to speak daily according to my need". Then I found the light of God coming in brighter and brighter day by day. On the one hand, I saw my inward corruption, but on the other hand I saw His abundant grace to forgive me and wash me, and how He has made every provision to help me daily in my need.

At first I thought that by having Bible knowledge I would become more righteous, but then I discovered that it is neither knowledge, nor signs nor miracles by hearing the Voice of God. Before going to bed I used to pray, "Lord, tell me please, did my life today please thee? Tell me if I made any mistakes and have grieved thee by thought, word or deed. If I have done something wrong, Lord show it to me." He showed me, I confessed it and my Lord forgave me, and said to me, "I am well pleased with thee, go." Straightaway I would go to bed, and have a nice sleep. But if I had done something wrong and had not confessed it, I would find it hard to sleep. It was my fault. I have grieved thee. Kindly forgive me. I believe in the efficacy of the precious blood. Lord, forgive me." Then He would say to me, " My child go to bed again. I am well pleased with thee." Now I am happy ever day.

June 21st

"Show me thy ways, O Lord, teach me thy paths." (Psa. 25.4)

It will happen to you also in the same way, given the same conditions. I learned to say day by day: "Now Lord, will you kindly show the way for me today? I am helpless, show me clearly what Thou art expecting of me. Tell me where to go, and what to say." Having found the plan, I would obey at once. When night came I would ask the same question upon my knees again. "Lord, has my love given you full satisfaction. Art Thou satisfied? Speak to me, are you fully satisfied?"

Christ is the Bright and Morning Star. Have you ever lived in villages? You will find most farmers are not governed by clocks or watches. Whenever they go to the field early in the morning, or when they want to travel early in the morning, they are governed by the Morning star and say, "Now it is time. I must get up and go". They find their direction also by the same Morning star.

The Lord Jesus Christ comes to us as the Bright and Morning Star, and even though in the beginning we may know some darkness, remember nobody becomes perfect as soon as they are born again. We see darkness around us, but the Morning star tells me, "My child, do not look at the darkness. After one or two hours the sun will be getting up," and true enough, we find the sun shining upon us after a few hours. The Morning star enables us to overcome all our worries and doubts without any human help, and we shall be able to find the way. The more we obey, the more light we will receive.

June 22nd

"Daniel... kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed and gave thanks before His God." (Dan. 6.10)

In the beginning there are so many things you cannot understand. I read the Bible more than one hundred times and then at last began to see some meaning, but now I know what these words mean: 'In the beginning', Gen. 1. I did not know at first what they meant, and often went to sleep while reading. After many years these same chapters or verses or passages have become new to me. That is the light of God shining upon the path more brightly, provided we receive the Word of God and make it a practice to stay upon our knees till God speaks to us.

The Lord told his disciples in Matt. 16:21 that He would suffer many things of the elders and chief priests, and be killed and raised again the third day. All this He told them before taking them to the mountain and being transfigured before them. He explained to them in plain language that it was for the sake of their sins that He was to suffer, be killed and rise again. Peter even took Him aside and rebuked Him. Then after six days, the Lord took him on to a high mountain, and these words came, "Hear ye Him!" Hear His voice daily, hear it fully, and then you will know the full meaning of His suffering, death, burial, resurrection and glory. So listen to His Voice as you begin the day. Wait patiently and quietly and say, "Lord speak to me morning, noon, and night. Speak to me from thine own Word". Waite till He says, "Yes, my son, I am well pleased; go".

June 23rd

"And thine ear shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it....." (Isa. 30:21)

This verse surely refers to the Voice of God. Our constant prayer should be that we may learn to hear that Voice plainly and clearly, for it is only by hearing His Voice that all our questions can be answered and all our problems solved day by day. It requires faith and patience to hear the Voice of God. God does speak, though very few believers enjoy the privileges of hearing His Voice daily and clearly. In Psalm 29 it is plain that God's power is fully manifested when His Voice comes to use (vs. 4-5). The Voice of God breaks the cedars (v. 7). The Voice of God divides the flames of the fire (v.8). It shakes the wilderness. These words are repeated to show the great power of God that is available for your life and mine.

We have already seen how this lesson was taught to Elijah the prophet. In 1 King 19:12, he heard the still small Voice of God. In 1 Kings 18:38-46 he had seen God's great power. Yet here in v.4 he is almost saying that he does not want to live any more. All of us feel discouraged, depressed and downcast at some time or the other. All of us find our burdens too heavy for us at times and we all come to the juniper tree some time or the other. But when Elijah heard the still small voice in kings 19:12, his burden lifted. His desire to die left him and all his questions about God disappeared. He learned a new secret. He learned that God's ways are not man's ways. Once you learn that secret, then whatever may be your burden or problem, you will come out victorious. We must learn the secret of hearing God, and of knowing His ways.

June 24th

"He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me." (John. 14:21)

How can these experiences of hearing God's voice become our experience also? Paul, the Apostle, learned this lesson at the very time of his conversion. The first step was that Saul became Paul. If he wanted to hear further from God he must obey. He was told to go into the city of Damascus where it would be told him what he should do. You must obey whatever God has shown you. I tell you again that unless you are born again you cannot hear the Voice of God. Those who have received the gift of eternal life must have heard His Voice sometime, somewhere. Have you obeyed that Voice, or did you argue with God?

God does not tell us too much at the beginning. He just says very small sentences. But as we obey Him step by step He will tell us many things. Do not wait for a long message when God speaks. Just obey as much as He tells you. When Saul obeyed the Voice and came to Damascus, unknown to him God had prepared another servant to go to him. Ananias came to Saul and began to talk to him (Acts 22:12). It seemed to be the voice of Ananias that was talking to Saul, but in reality it was the Voice of God, and he believed it. "My sins are gone", he could say. "My Lord whom I persecuted has chosen me, received me and accepted me. Not only has He forgiven me but He has made me His witness. He wants me to see His glory and hear His voice daily."

June 25th

*"He that heareth my word, and believeth on Him that sent me, hath everlasting life."
(John. 5:24)*

The Lord does speak to all of us, as He knows best. So if you feel restless in the meeting, even before the preacher points his finger at you, say in prayer, "Lord, is this Your voice or man's voice? If it is Thy voice I accept and humble myself. Have mercy on me". You will find that many a time the Lord will use somebody else to speak to you, so do not expect Him always to speak to you directly.

The Voice of God came to Paul when he was discouraged and the attack of the enemy was very strong, saying, "Be not afraid, but speak and hold not thy peace. I am with thee and no man shall hurt thee; I have much people in the city." It is only as we become His mouthpieces and witnesses that we hear His voice at different times.

Even if your friends were to mock at you, you can truthfully say, " One thing I know, I was a sinner, but the Lord Jesus Christ has forgiven my sins. This happened for the first time in a certain place on a certain day. One thing I know, I have found peace." Even though they may not accept what you say, go on testifying peacefully and joyfully. Then one day when you are surrounded by the enemy and are feeling lonely, there may come to you the voice of God: "Be not afraid, I am with thee; fear not, for I am with thee. Go on speaking in My name." It is such a testimony that will qualify us to hear the Voice of God.

June 26th

"We would see Jesus". (John 12:21).

It is only as you are in the will of God that you can hear the Voice of God speak to you again and again. The Voice of God comes as confirmation. Do you want to hear the Voice of God clearly? The learn to find and do God's will everyday even in smallest matter. If anybody will ask me : "What is your highest privilege as a Christian?" I would reply that knowing and doing God's will is my highest privilege. Those who know God's will and are doing it , find it through God's word, His messengers or other circumstances. The Greeks in John 12:21, came from far and desired to see our Lord Jesus Christ . these men came with all sincerity to see Jesus. Our Lord told them , "You want to see me for only few minutes. But it is possible to see me forever and hear me always. If you can see your death in mine and live your life in my resurrection life, then you will really see me daily and hear my Voice."

Our Lord prayed in John 13:28, "Father glorify thy Son, the many shall see Me in full glory and become like Me". Then came the Voice. It is only as we glorify His name through our deeds that we hear His Voice . pray by faith. "Lord keep me where I can glorify thy name. I do not seek or desire anything else". The I assure you , you will hear the Voice of God. There will come a Voice from Heaven to tell you what to do. God does speak , but you have got to fulfill His conditions before you can hear His Voice.

June 27th

"When Moses was gone into the tabernacle of the congregation to speak with Him (God), then he heard the voice of one speaking unto him from off the Mercy seat." (Num 7:89).

Do we believe with all our hearts that by learning that secret of hearing and discerning the Voice of God, we can have all our questions answered, and all our problems solved?

We read in Num. 7:89 that the voice of God came only when the work of the tabernacle was finished by Moses and had been carried out according to the pattern shown to Moses by the Lord on the Mountain. In Exodus 40:34 we read that God's Glory filled the Tabernacle, and His voice began to be heard from between the cherubim in the most holy place. When any man wanted to find the will of God, he had to come to the High priest, and the High priest had to hear the voice of God speaking from the most Holy Place. Now the Lord Jesus Christ is our everlasting heavenly High Priest, and those who accept Him as their personal Savior and indwelt by Him. Their bodies become the temple of the Holy Spirit.

There is no need now for anyone to go to an earthly High Priest. Men can speak to God himself. Through the Lord Jesus Christ, the High Priest, and get an answer and hear the Voice of God daily. But one thing is necessary. All those among us who desire to hear the voice of God, must be sure that they are indwelt by the Spirit of God. God is Holy and before He can come into us, He has first of all to cleanse us by the precious Blood of Christ. It is only sin that prevents us from feeling His presence, but sin can be forgiven again and again, and cleansed by His precious blood.

June 28th

"Holiness, without which no man can see the Lord." (Hebrews 12:14).

When our Lord Jesus Christ began His public ministry the heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit came down as a dove and the Voice from heaven was heard. He came into this world that Heaven might be opened for us and the Holy Spirit might rest upon us, to guide us in all things and to enable us to hear the Voice of God everyday. God is the Spirit and His Voice is also spiritual. Our Spirit can register the Voice of God clearly day by day, but to hear that Voice we have to be sure our spirit is purified (Matt 5:8, Acts 10:14).

We have seen how the Lord chose to speak through different witnesses. In Acts 8, God's witness was called Philip. The Lord used him mightily in a place called Samaria. The suddenly came God's commandment: "Arise and go south". He obeyed God straightaway. He could have said in his heart: "The work I am doing is such a great work, and it is God's work. All these new believers have to be strengthened and build up in the Lord. How can I leave such an important work and go to a lonely desert?"

God never explained to him why he should leave Samaria and go into the desert. As we have seen already God never told us too much at one time. He does not give big programmes to begin with. God told Philip: "Arise and go to Gaza," without giving him the reasons for the need for him to go there. Yet as he obeyed he found the reason.

June 29th

"The Holy Ghost will teach you in the same hour what ye ought to say." (Luke 12:12).

Philip could have thought, 'It looks as if I am running like a thief this chariot!' but he never questioned God. In acts 8:30, Philip ran to the chariot and heard the man reading from the 53rd chapter of Isaiah.

It was a wonderful prophecy of the Lord Jesus Christ. This prophecy was made in detail 750 years before the time of Christ. When he heard the Ethiopian reading the passage he knew why God had asked him to go on the road to Gaza. Straightway his spirit received the divine message and by the Holy Spirit, he put the question to the Ethiopian, "Understandest thou what thou readest?" In this silent way the Lord puts His thoughts and words into us, and often we find that when we begin to speak, words flow like a stream. To his question, the Ethiopian answered, "How can I, unless some man guide me?" (Verse 31). He allowed Philip to get into the chariot and sit with him. Then Philip explained the passage so clearly that he convinced him of the meaning and of the death of Jesus Christ for the sake of sinners. You find that as you obey God's Word that He will put His words into your mouth, according to His promise in Mathew 10:20, Luke 12:12, 21:15. Not only will you hear the Voice of God leading you and guiding you step by step, but you will also find the Holy Spirit touching your lips, and putting His own words needed for the person you meet.

June 30th

"Thine eyes shall see the King in His beauty, they shall behold the land that is very far off." Isaiah 33:17.

Through these words the Lord told me to get ready to go to a far off country. So straight away I apply for a passport. I believed that God had spoken to me to get ready even though I had no invitation from any body. Normally it takes a month to get a passport. I saw God working and moving on my behalf and got it within a week.

In my quite time I got the words, from Ezra 8:1 "In the sixth year, in the sixth month, on the fifth day of the month". These words came to me very forcefully in my quite time. Again I prayed, "What is the meaning of these words to me". The Lord told me, "I want you to be in London on 5th June 1946". So I went to Bombay and saw the ships company. I asked them "is there any ship which arrives in London on 5th June?" they replied, "Yes, there is, Sir, but there is no vacancy on it". I went twice and asked, "Has anyone cancelled their passage?" They answered, "No, Sir". But another ship will be leaving next week and we can give you a passage on it". God had told me definitely I was to be London on the 5th of June, and it was not certain that the next ship would reach there on that date. Anyhow I booked my passage on the second ship and we arrived in London on the 5th of June but the first ship got in four days after we did, as their engine was out of order. The second ship was a fast ship, and as I obeyed I got in at the right time.