

The Voice of God without

Scripture reading: 1 Samuel 3:1-10

We have been talking about the voice of God speaking within the believer, but we have to know that we also have the voice without. GOD HAS A VOICE. I do not know if many people know that. I heard a preacher say that God cannot speak, that He has spoken already and He is finished speaking. He said that these last 2,000 years God has not spoken anything. I feel sorry for that preacher. I do not know where he would get a message to tell me if there is no one giving him a message. That means that he is making up the message himself. I say, brethren, that God has a voice. I have heard the voice of God many times. It is not His usual way but sometimes He speaks. Remember the boy Samuel? He never knew God. He did not know God's voice. He was in bed and he heard, "*Samuel, Samuel,*" and he ran to Eli. Eli sent him back to bed. After this happened a few times, Eli said, "*If he call thee (again), that thou shalt say, Speak, Lord; for thy servant heareth.*" He knew that it was God speaking to Samuel (1 Samuel 3:9).

In Matthew 28:19-20 we read the words of Jesus as He was leaving. The last thing He said to the brethren was, "*Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am WITH YOU always, even unto the end of the world.*" He said, "*I am with you.*" Christ is with us, not just in us. Christ is in the Body, speaking through prophecies, words of encouragement, and preaching. Jesus Christ is right in our midst, when we sit down together. Matthew 18:19-20 says, "*Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, THERE AM I IN THE MIDST OF THEM.*"

It is necessary for us to learn to feed on Christ in all three dimensions – Christ in the church, Christ within, and Christ in Jesus among us. Then we will begin to grow strong in the Lord. Feeding on Christ is the fourth seal. When the fourth seal begins to break forth, some other things are going to happen in the world. This seal is already broken and is available to us to walk in the truth.

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Thought for today: Our strength lies in feeding upon Christ in all three dimensions.