

THE CREATOR SPEAKS



Lesson 1 for October 3, 2026



"In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe." (Hebrews 1:1-2)

Have you ever spoken *directly* to God? Have you ever been able to hear His words? The answer, obviously, is: “No.”

We can only speak to God through indirect methods (prayer, the Bible, the prophets, ...)

What is the reason for our inability to speak to God directly? Has it always been this way? Will we ever be able to do so?



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In the beginning, God created the world to be inhabited by human beings (Isaiah 45:18).

When everything was ready, he created Adam from the dust of the earth (Gen. 2:4-7).

On the same day, he created Eve from one of Adam's ribs (Gen. 2:18, 21-22).

Humanity was now complete and prepared to inhabit the newly created world (Gen. 1:27).



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During this process, there was much communication between God and Adam:

- 🌿 He gave him instructions about the work he was to do in Eden (Gen. 2:15).
- 🌿 He pointed out his limitations (Gen. 2:16-17).
- 🌿 He asked him to name the animals (Gen. 2:19).
- 🌿 He introduced him to Eve, and united them in marriage (Gen. 2:22-24).

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God instructed Adam and Eve how they should behave and what they should eat (Gen. 1:28-29).

He created them as social beings, with the ability to communicate, not only among themselves, but with other beings (such as, for example, angels).

Then he created the seventh day so he could enjoy each other's company throughout that day.

From that moment on, he met with them every day at cool of the day (Gen. 3:8 NIV).



HOW DID HUMANITY STOP COMMUNICATING WITH GOD?

"He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid"
(Genesis 3:10)



Adam and Eve were created with the capacity to choose freely. In order for them to exercise that freedom, God gave them everything, but reserved a tree for himself (Gen. 2:16-17).

On that same tree, the tempter, disguised as a serpent and pretending to want the well-being of Adam and Eve, told them a series of lies (which Eve transmitted to Adam): you are immortal ("you will not die"); you will be gods ("you will be like God"); God hides the truth from you ("God knows that...") (Gen. 3:1-5).



Fascinated by the wonders of the forbidden fruit, Eve ate of it and enticed Adam, who also ate (Gen. 3:6).

At that moment, the mantle of glory that covered them disappeared; they realized their nakedness; and they sought solutions to hide their error (Gen. 3:7).

The next negative reaction was that they felt so guilty about their disobedience that they did not want to communicate with God anymore (Gen. 3:8).



HOW DID GOD ATTEMPT TO RESTORE COMMUNICATION?

"But the Lord God called to the man, 'Where are you?' " (Genesis 3:9)



Knowing that Adam and Eve had sinned, God—as was his custom—approached them to speak with them. For the first time, instead of joyfully coming out to meet him, God had to call them to meet with him (Gen. 3:8-9).

Although they did not want to communicate with God, God did want to communicate with them. He did not shy away from the sinner's company, but confronted him with his sin, seeking his repentance (Gen. 3:10-11).



Centuries later, God looked with his gaze upon another sinner to obtain his repentance: Peter (Lk 22:61-62).

Unlike Peter, who acknowledged his sin, Adam and Eve began to justify themselves before God and blame others for their transgression (Gen. 3:12-13).



Today, we humans follow similar patterns. We cling to sin and try to justify ourselves. Even though sin “sticks” to us, God still wants to restore us, and He calls us: “Come to Me” (Isaiah 55:3).

WHY CAN'T WE COMMUNICATE DIRECTLY WITH GOD NOW?

"After he drove the man out, he placed on the east side of the Garden of Eden cherubim and a flaming sword flashing back and forth to guard the way to the tree of life" (Genesis 3:24)



God presented to the sinful couple the consequences of their sin, among which was the impossibility of speaking directly to God again after their expulsion from Eden (Gen. 3:16-24).

Consequences for:

Eve

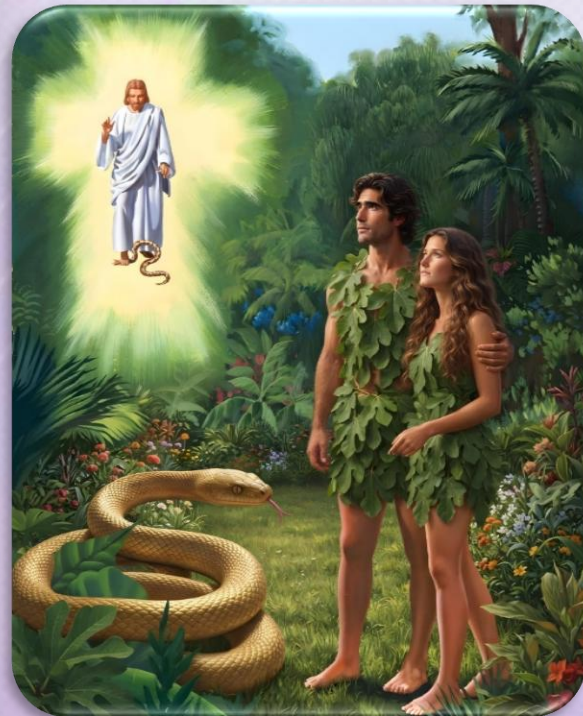
- Pain during childbirth
- Loss of equality with Adam

Adam

- Work hard
- Growing food

All

- Death
- Separation from God



Before communicating the consequences of sin, God presented them with the solution: a descendant of Eve would end the power of the devil and restore humanity (Gen. 3:15).

Through the prophets, God communicated the way in which redemption would be accomplished: God himself became incarnate, suffered death for our sins, rose again, and grants us eternal life (Is. 9:6; 53:6, 10-11).

As soon as sin arose, so did the promise of a Savior.





HOW CAN WE COMMUNICATE WITH GOD TODAY?

**"Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the people of Israel; so hear the word I speak and give them warning from me."
(Ezekiel 33:7)**



To communicate with us today, God has written two "reference books": Creation, and the Bible (Rom. 1:20; 2 Tim. 3:15).

Although Creation speaks to us of the Creator, it is deeply tainted by sin. The Bible, however, contains clear and direct guidelines, transmitted by the prophets who received messages from God. In the Bible, we also find the most perfect manifestation of God in the life and ministry of Jesus (Heb. 1:1-2).



In it, we discover who we are, where we come from, and where we are going. There we find God's purpose for our lives.

Furthermore, God communicates with us through prayer (Psalm 5:2); angels (Acts 8:26); prophets (Joel 2:28); and, especially, through the Holy Spirit (John 14:26).



“There was to be co-operation between man and God. But this plan was greatly interfered with by Adam’s transgression. Satan led him to sin, and the Lord would not communicate with him after he had sinned as he did when he was without sin.

After the fall Christ became Adam’s instructor. He acted in God’s stead toward humanity, saving the race from immediate death. He took upon him the office of mediator. Adam and Eve were given a probation in which to return to their allegiance, and in this plan all their posterity were embraced.

Without the atonement of the Son of God there could have been no communication of blessing or salvation from God to man. God was jealous for the honor of His law. The transgression of that law had caused a fearful separation between God and man. To Adam in his innocence was granted communion, direct, free, and happy, with his Maker. After his transgression, God would communicate to man only through Christ and angels.”

APPENDIX: BIOGRAPHY OF ELLEN G. WHITE



Ellen Gould and Elizabeth Harmon, the youngest of Eunice and Robert Harmon's eight children, were born on November 26, 1827 in Gorham, Maine, USA.

Shortly afterwards the family moved to Portland, a major city in Maine, to expand their hat-making business.

When Ellen was nine years old, a classmate threw a stone at her, causing a severe facial injury. The injury left her with lasting effects that forced her to drop out of school and limited her social life.



The family accepted William Miller's teachings, and Ellen was baptized into the Methodist church in 1842.

But Ellen felt lost, and believed herself unworthy of salvation, until Pastor Levi Stockman helped her understand God's true love.

From that moment on, she fell deeply in love with Jesus and served him for the rest of her life.

