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PART 5 - HEARING THE HOLY SPIRIT

In this resource we want to unpack what it is to hear in the Spirit. It is imperative we are able to hear in the Spirit and hear what the Spirit is saying to us as His people. Failure to hear *in* the Spirit and hear *the* Spirit, will ultimately see us be what we have always been, as opposed to becoming new creations in Christ.

As mentioned there are a number of dynamics which I want us to unpack and grapple with, when it comes to hearing God, who is Spirit. There are 4 dynamics and over the next 4 resources we will unpack each one.

They are...

1. Hearing the Spirit Himself
2. Hearing IN the spirit
3. Hearing the Word of God for formation
4. Hearing the voice of God for function

Let's start this by looking at "Hearing the Holy Spirit who speaks"

Revelation 2:7 He who has an ear, let him hear, what the Spirit says to the churches..."

We see this exact same statement of truth mentioned 7 times, once for every church in the book of Revelation.

We also see countless times in the book of John, one of the key functioning roles of the Holy Spirit is to testify and declare to us, the Word of God.

John 14:25-26 "These things I have spoken to you while abiding with you. But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you.

John 15:26 "When the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify about Me.

John 16:12-13 "I have many more things to say to you, but you cannot bear now. But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come.

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From these 3 passages of Scripture we can see our ability to know;

1. All things
2. The true knowledge of Jesus Christ which transform us
3. And what is to come...

Is determined by our ability to know the Spirit and hear what the Spirit is testifying to of the Word of God.

This is why we must be born of the Spirit and the Spirit's power, so we can know the Spirit and HEAR what the Spirit releases, the eternal Word of God, which we need to live a life in and of the Spirit.

The key to hearing the Word of God which the Holy Spirit speaks, is having a spiritual ear, which hears the frequency of the spiritual Word of God.

I want to draw us back to Revelation 2:7.

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There is a massive difference between natural hearing and spiritual hearing.

Anyone can hear naturally and understand naturally, as this is the frequency of earth, but only those of the spirit, can hear and understand spiritually.

Jesus was speaking in the natural language of Aramaic, but said in John that the words He spoke were of Spirit and Life. The disciples would have understood the natural dialect, but we know from Scripture, they had no comprehension of the spiritual words He spoke.

Let me give us an example

Matthew 16:5-12 And the disciples came to the other side of the sea, but they had forgotten to bring any bread. And Jesus said to them, "Watch out and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees." They began to discuss this among themselves, saying, "He said that because we did not bring any bread." But Jesus, aware of this, said, "You men of little faith, why do you discuss among yourselves that you have no bread? Do you not yet understand or remember the five loaves of the five thousand, and how many baskets you picked up? Or the seven loaves of the four thousand, and how many large baskets full you picked up? How is it that you do not understand that I did not speak to you concerning bread? But beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees." Then they

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understood that He did not say to beware of the leaven of bread, but of the teaching of the Pharisees and Sadducees.

Jesus said the flesh profits you nothing. To hear what the Spirit says through the natural, is to profit us nothing and has us hearing the completely wrong thing and believing the wrong thing.

In conclusion.

We have been given the Spirit to hear what the Spirit says to us. The apostle Paul reiterated this truth in 1 Corinthians 2:12-13.

Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may know the things freely given to us by God, which things we also speak, not in words taught by human wisdom, but in those taught by the Spirit, combining spiritual thoughts with spiritual words.

QUESTIONS

1. How well do you know the Holy Spirit?
2. Why is a spiritual ear so different from a natural ear?
3. Why is hearing what the Spirit says so life giving?
4. How well would you say you hear the Holy Spirit and how do you know?
5. How has hearing the Word of God through the Spirit changed you?

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