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*"You have heard people say, "Love your neighbors and hate your enemies."
But I tell you to love your enemies and pray for anyone who mistreats you." Mat 5:43-44
"Love your enemies, and be good to everyone who hates you.
Ask God to bless anyone who curses you, and pray for everyone who is cruel to you." Luke 6:27-28*


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- God is asking us to be like Him
 - He loved us even when we were against Him – Rom. 5:8
- God is commanding us to not act out of our old nature
- The Holy Spirit can release His fruit (love) in us to enable us to love both neighbors and enemies

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"... You have put off the old self with it's HABITS, and have put on the new self ... (with it's HABITS) which God is continually renewing in His own image, to bring you to a full knowledge of Himself." Col. 3:9-10



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Of A Disciple = Hearing God's Voice

✓All Believers Can Hear God's Voice


"God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground." Gen 1:28



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"Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden.
"But the LORD God called to the man, "Where are you?"
"He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid . . ." Gen 3:8-10



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"The LORD had said to Abram, "Leave your country, your people and your father's household and go to the land I will show you. Gen 12:1
"So Abram left, as the LORD had told him . . . Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Haran. Gen 12:4



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"Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law. . . .
"There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up. Exod 3:1-2
When the LORD saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, "Moses! Moses!" And Moses said, "Here I am." Exod 3:4

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"When the people heard the thunder and the loud blast of the horn, and when they saw the lightning and the smoke billowing from the mountain, they stood at a distance, trembling with fear." Exod 20:18



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And they said to Moses, "You tell us what God says, and we will listen. But don't let God speak directly to us. If he does, we will die!" Exod 20:19




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"Don't be afraid," Moses said, "for God has come in this way to show you his awesome power. From now on, let your fear of him keep you from sinning!" Exod 20:20



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"My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me" - John 10:27
"I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me" John 10:14
"I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd." John 10:16




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"When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice."

"But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger's voice."

John 10:4-5




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✓What God's Voice Sounds Like

"The LORD said, "Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by."

Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake." 1Kings 19:11



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"After the earthquake came a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire.

And after the fire came a gentle whisper.

"When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave. Then a voice said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

1Kings 19:12 -13



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✓What God's Voice Sounds Like

"You will hear a word spoken behind you, saying, "This is the correct way, walk in it," whether you are heading to the right or the left." Isa 30:21


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 ✓What Should I Do To Hear?


1. Recognize God's Voice Comes Like a Spontaneous Thought or Picture
2. Still Your Own Thoughts and Emotions So You Can Sense God's Flow of Thoughts Within

"Be still, and know that I am God" Psa 46:10


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3. Take Your Thoughts Captive to Obedience to Christ

"We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ." 2 Cor 10:5


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4. Silence Other Voices
 - "Satan I resist you. Be silent."
 - "Soul & mind, be still"
5. Fix the Eyes of Your Heart Upon Jesus

"We must keep our eyes on Jesus, who leads us and makes our faith complete. . . . Now he is seated at the right side of God's throne!" Heb 12:2


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6. Look and Listen – See God's Pictures and Hear His Voice

"I will keep watch to see what He will say to me" - Hab. 2:1,2

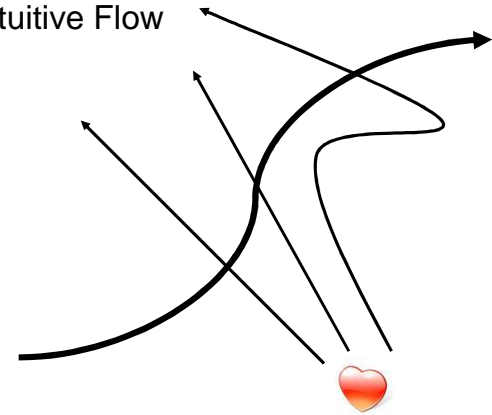
You will probably discover that inner thought and vision comes so easily you will have a tendency to reject it, thinking that it is just you.

God's Voice Is Like:

- Spontaneous Thought
- Spontaneous Idea
- Spontaneous Word
- Spontaneous Feeling
- Spontaneous Picture/Vision

Spontaneous Intuitive Flow

Flow of Our Thoughts



God

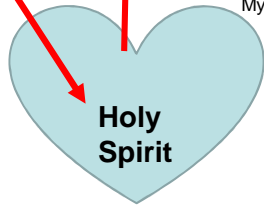


Mind



Soul

My spirit



Holy Spirit

God's Intuitive Thought Flow

-For Ourselves



God



Mind



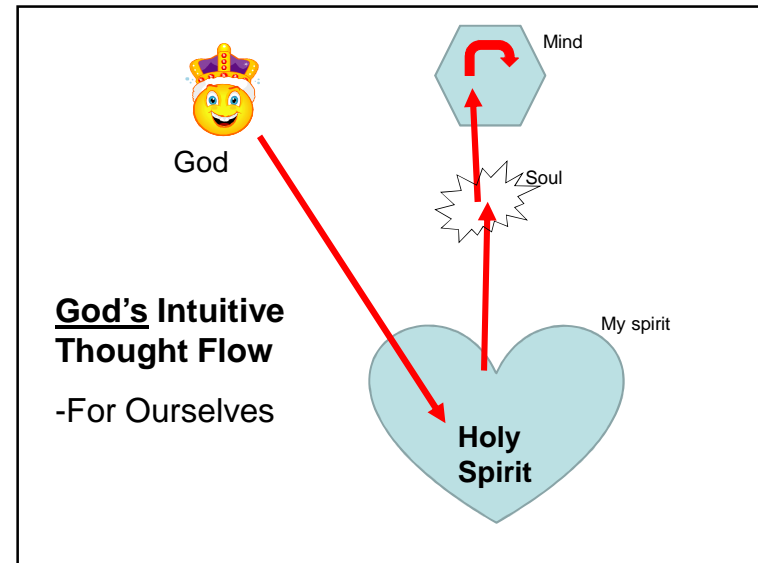
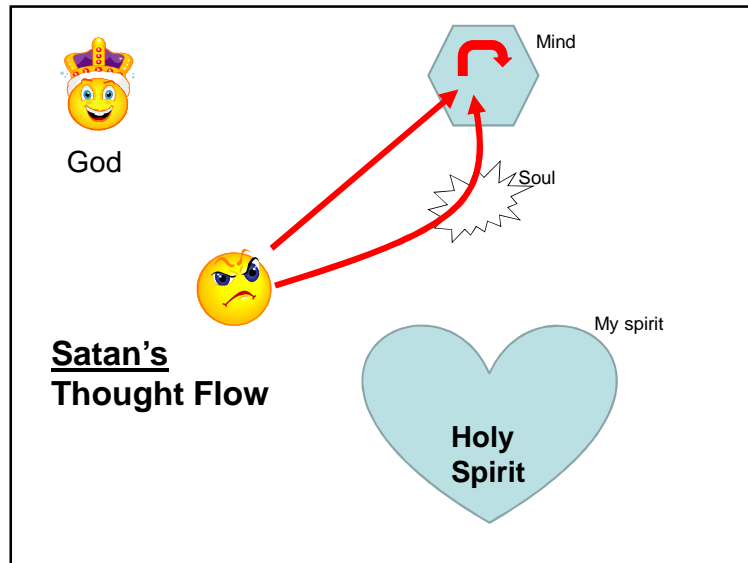
Soul

My spirit



Holy Spirit

My Own Thought Flow



Satan	Self	God
Find Its Origin (Test the Spirit - 1 John 4:1)		
Picture = A flashing image. Thought = A flashing mental thought. Was mind empty, idle? Does image/thought seem obstructive?	Picture = Born in mind. A painting of a picture. Thought = Born in meditation. A progressive building of ideas	Picture = A living flow of pictures coming from the innermost being. Thought = sensed in innermost being. Then formed in thoughts. Was your inner being/mind quietly focused on Jesus?
Examine Its Content (Test the Ideas - 1 John 4:5)		
Negative, destructive, pushy, fearful, accusative. Violates nature of God. Violates Word of God. Image/thought is afraid to be tested. Ego appeal.	Picture = A painting of things I have learned. Thought = a consideration of things I have learned.	Instructive, upbuilding, comforting. Vision/thought accepts testing.
Seeing Its Fruit -(Test the Fruit - Matt 7:15)		
Fear, compulsion, bondage, anxiety, confusion, Inflated ego.	Variable	Quickened faith, power, peace, good fruit, enlightenment, knowledge, humility.