

God speaks to everyone equally

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Earlier we discussed prayer as turning to God, listening, immediate obedience and gratitude. God is speaking to you 24 hours a day with thoughts which are specific to your needs. Some of these thoughts are inspiring and turn us from hate to love, from fear to confidence, from apathy to action. Sometimes God's messages protect us from harm, preventing mistakes. Cultivating the willingness to listen to spiritual intuitions brings tangible blessings.

Perhaps you will remember a previous column which related the experiences of two teenage boys. One boy was protected from an explosion in a junkyard when he was immediately obedient to the spiritual intuition to run. When a truck exploded, he was thrown to the ground and pieces of metal fell all around him. He was unharmed and untouched.

The other boy immediately obeyed the thought to pull off the road, turn off the engine of his motorcycle, and look into a ravine. He saw a car upside-down in the bottom of the ravine. He ended up saving the driver's life, a young woman, who had been trapped for over two hours.

Those who understand that God does speak directly to His children can share this message with others. Even if someone is uncertain of the existence of God or unsure of their personal relationship to Him, this does not prevent their listening to His voice and being obedient. God does not speak only to a select few. As Jesus said, "he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust." (Matthew 5:45) God is pouring forth instruction and inspired thoughts to all. No one is excluded. Anyone can choose to listen, obey, and be blessed.

Last Christmas I was visiting my mother in Arizona. After church a woman who I did not know came up to me and thanked me for saving her son's life! The surprise obviously showed in my face, because she went on to explain that some years ago she had heard me tell the story of the two teenage boys, listening and obeying. She had a teenage son who was not interested in religion nor in hearing about God. But she had gone home that night and

told him the experiences of the boys. How listening to God protected one and enabled the other to help a stranger.

Less than a week later, her son was driving his old truck in heavy traffic on the freeway. He was in the middle of three lanes going 70 mph when the thought came to exist immediately. It was not his destination, but there was an exit on the right. He took it.

He pulled off onto the service road beside the freeway and got out. He looked all around the truck, under it, kicked the tires, everything. The truck looked fine. Nothing was wrong.

He'd exited because he remembered the experience of the other boys and though this just might be God speaking to him. Well, he was pretty disgusted. All this jazz about God speaking to us...

He got back in his truck and hadn't driven 50 feet when the axle broke and dropped to the pavement. Stopped the truck cold. If he had been driving 70 mph on a crowded freeway...

We both gave gratitude to God. God spoke to that young man to protect him, even when he wasn't sure he believed in God. Her son listened, obeyed and was blessed despite his doubts.

God is the Father of all. His blessings embrace each one. Everyone can begin to listen to God, be protected and blessed, even when they aren't sure who He is. God's love is so infinite that it envelopes all who turn to Him.

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