

"And he said, Go forth, and stand upon the mount before the LORD. And, behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and brake in pieces the rocks before the LORD; but the LORD was not in the wind: and after the wind an earthquake; but the LORD was not in the earthquake: And after the earthquake a fire; but the LORD was not in the fire: and after the fire a still small voice." 1 Kings 19:11-12



What "voice" do you imagine when you think?

You may say, "I don't talk to myself." Ah, but

every time you initiate thought, you "talk" to yourself. What voice do you "hear?" What voice do you "hear" when you read a letter? Perhaps you do not "hear" a voice at all. Thought is the secret communication of the soul. We assume if we think a thought, we initiated it. "The Devil made me do it," is often used to excuse sin. Satan cannot make you do anything or read your mind. He simply injects impulses or desires. These are the "fiery darts of the wicked." His favorite way is to entice you to satisfy a sinful desire. Millennia of observation have taught him well which desires drive us. He masterfully manipulates mankind to effect their destruction. He does not have to touch us. He knows Divine Law better than anyone. He only has to lure us into breaking it. God's predetermined consequences take care of the rest. "The soul that sinneth, it shall die." Satan entices with prosperity, pleasure, and power. His darts come in the form of impulse or intense desire. How many times have you uttered an angry thought, or acted impulsively or obsessively to regret it later? Action and speech originate in thought. God has wonderfully programmed some actions as reflexes. Anything contrary to God's Word is sin. Our thoughts are from ourselves, Satan, or God, the Holy Spirit. Since all thoughts have the same "voice," the only way to know the source is to be intimate with Truth. An intimately known voice is recognized immediately. Are you intimate with God? His voice is thunder to His enemies, but "a still small voice" to His children. God's Voice is like "the sound of many waters." Have you ever listened to the surf's whisper? It is heard above all other sounds, but still it is peaceful. Do you know God's Voice? You need know no other. If we walk with Him constantly, we will instantly know His Voice.

Many a thought may come and go,
Their very source, the Truth will show,
The tempter's voice we need not know,
If we stay near the Water's flow. -CGP

A fiery dart shot through an open window of the soul will incinerate the mind if not immediately doused with the Water of the Word. Keep faith's shield erected in every entrance of the soul.

"Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked." Ephesians 6:16