PSALM 138:2-3

I bow before your holy Temple as I worship. I praise your name for your unfailing love and faithfulness; for your promises are backed by all the honor of your name. As soon as I pray, you answer me; you encourage me by giving me strength.



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¹ "Very truly I tell you Pharisees, anyone who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber.² The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep.

³ The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice.

⁵ But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger's voice." ⁶ Jesus used this figure of speech, but the Pharisees did not "understand" what he was telling them.

¹⁴"I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me—¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep.



¹⁶ 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.

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JOHN 10:6

We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

ISAIAH 53:6

⁶ Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him."



⁸ Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us."



⁹ Jesus answered: "Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'?



¹⁰ Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work.



¹¹ Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves.



SOMETIMES, PEOPLE PREFER THAT GOD SPEAK TO THEM THROUGH OTHERS.



"They" said to Moses, "Speak to us yourself and we will listen. But do not have God speak to us, or we will die."

EXODUS 20:19



He gives someone else the ability to discern whether a message is from the Spirit of God or from another spirit. SOMETIMES, PEOPLE PREFER THAT GOD SPEAK TO THEM IN CERTAIN WAYS OR SETTINGS.



1 KINGS: 19:11 – 13

¹¹ The Lord said, "Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by."

1 KINGS: 19:11 – 13

¹² After the earthquake came a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper.

1 KINGS: 19:11 – 13

¹³ 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?



THE SMOKE AND LIGHT SHOW



God can speak to us anywhere, no matter what's going on around us, but we need to learn to be attuned to his voice.

IN THOSE MOMENTS, EVERYTHING ELSE DISAPPEARS.

The people around us disappear.

The music fades.

It's just God and you.

It's a place we pour out our hearts to God . THE FATHER SHOWS UP, WRAPS HIS ARMS AROUND YOU, PULLS YOU TO HIS CHEST, AND WHISPERS IN YOUR EAR ...







Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, "This is the way; walk in it.

ISAIAH 30:21

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



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