One of the purposes of salvation is to learn how to talk to God as a friend, as a child to loving parents. God's desire is to restore a relationship that is never to be broken. This relationship is often unknown to professing people of God. In David's life as Scriptures conveys his life, the Lord talks to him as a friend in many ways. Sometimes in direct manner, sometimes through the priests and prophets. And one thing that it cannot be taken away from him, he can talk to God as if nothing was in between. God regarded David as His friend with great favor. Enoch was another example with a great lesson. He walked with God in a daily manner. Abraham was even blessed in his time. The Lord talked to him face to face in many occasions. They learned how to distinguish the voice of God from the voice of other. As Jesus taught in His parable (John 10:1-18), the sheep knows His voice, they come and follow Him and they ran away from the stranger.

A week after my wedding, it was the day of hearts as the world celebrated. My wife's step grandmother died. In just two weeks of staying with my wife's family, her grandma's voice became familiar to me. Sometimes her groaning voice calling attention can be heard from the house. Several days after the burial, at the second floor where my wife and I stayed we were talking and a sudden groaning voice I heard very clearly grandma's voice, as if calling my wife! I asked Ruth if she hears the voice, “No” she said. But the voice keeps sounding from down stairs. The incidents happened thrice as I can remember. The last one, we called my brother-in-law to pray with his wife. (If I can still remember he heard the same voice one time too). Ruth and I prayed together for we knew it was an evil spirit's voice trying to create panic among the members of the family. After the prayer session, the voice came back no more, the scary experience was over.

Hearing the voice of the Holy Spirit is something to be learned. The small distinct voice which seldom recognized and heard must be given special attention. In many cases the voice was jammed by our preoccupation of earthly things that failure to hear it causes disasters in many forms. If heard and obeyed saves many things even lives and properties. There are several instances while I was fixing cars, the voice was telling me something in order to fix them properly, but the voice was ignored due to my preoccupation, a bolt was broken, or something went wrong than expected. Many times as hearing the voice, it saves time and money.

Marvelous beyond expression is the blindness of the people of this generation. Thousands reject the word of God as unworthy of belief and with eager confidence receive the deceptions of Satan. Skeptics and scoffers denounce the bigotry of those who contend for the faith of prophets and apostles, and they divert themselves by holding up to ridicule the solemn declarations of the Scriptures concerning Christ and the plan of salvation, and the retribution to be visited upon the rejecters of the truth. They manifest as much assurance as if, indeed, they had made a covenant with death and an agreement with hell-- as if they had erected an impassable, impenetrable barrier between themselves and the vengeance of God. Nothing can arouse their fears. So fully have they yielded to the tempter, so closely are they united with him, and so thoroughly imbued with his spirit, that they have no power and no inclination to break away from his snare. {GC 561.1}
Satan has long been preparing for his final effort to deceive the world. The foundation of his work was laid by the assurance given to Eve in Eden: "Ye shall not surely die." "In the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil." Genesis 3:4, 5. Little by little he has prepared the way for his masterpiece of deception in the development of spiritualism. He has not yet reached the full accomplishment of his designs; but it will be reached in the last remnant of time. Says the prophet: "I saw three unclean spirits like frogs; . . . they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty." Revelation 16:13, 14. Except those who are kept by the power of God, through faith in His word, the whole world will be swept into the ranks of this delusion. The people are fast being lulled to a fatal security, to be awakened only by the outpouring of the wrath of God. {GC 561.2}