



Merry Christmas!

From all of us here at Times of Refreshing, we pray for you for a Christmas full of blessings and the abundance of our good God! We appreciate each of our partners and the faithful contributions you make to this ministry, and we pray for each one of you.

May you enjoy times of refreshing in His presence, times of rest and laughter with your friends and family, and a time of great favour in the new year.

Together for His kingdom,
Pastor Craig Buroker and the Times of Refreshing Team:
Rev. Ann Camber, Tina Folden, Blake & April Schroeder, Michael & Angela Robertson,
Debbie Du Heume, and Mara Fraser.

India Pastors Project...

This is a project for our partners! We are looking for people to give \$100 to enable 100 Indian pastors to come to a pastors' renewal conference in January with Pastor Craig.

Rev. Jeyaseelan is the overseer of the Victory Churches of India and would like to be able to bring 100 of his pastors from all over India to New Delhi for the conference in late January. Times of Refreshing said we would help!

Your \$100 donation will be able to provide train fare, a hotel room and food for 4 days!

All donations are eligible for a charitable donations receipt for income tax purposes. Please send your cheque or money order to our office, donate online through our website, or call our office and have your credit card ready.



The Times on Email...

At Times of Refreshing, we are continually looking for better ways to steward our partner dollars. We are now able to send our newsletter and *Pastor's Pick* messages via email and would like to offer this method of delivery to our partners. Choosing email delivery helps us cut our duplication and postage costs, and you will receive your partnership package earlier!

The newsletters will come to you as a ".pdf" attachment (Adobe Acrobat Reader), to ensure no virus can be attached. If you are able to view the items on the Resources page, of our website, you will be able to receive these newsletters. And if you cannot, Adobe Acrobat Reader can easily be downloaded for free through our website. The audio messages will be included as link to a secure website, where you can download the message to your computer and listen to at your leisure.

If you would prefer to receive your partnership newsletter and audio messages via email, please contact us and let us know! Please include your name and email address as well as your mailing address for verification. Thank you!

Contact Us...

We will soon have office hours! Please stay tuned for details. Check out our new address below. Come visit us in our new facility! We love to hear from our partners. Give us a message today.



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The Times of Refreshing

From Pastor Craig's Desk...

Dear Partners,

May this letter find you blessed and enjoying the things of the Lord as we approach this Christmas season!

Isn't it wonderful to know that no matter what happens in the world our God reigns! No matter how man gets in the way and muddies the waters, and no matter how hard the devil tries to deceive and discourage, our God is still on the throne and He will fulfill His own will!

I love the scripture in Jeremiah 29:11 that says, "I know the plans I have for you..." meaning no matter what other plans seem to be happening in your life, God has specific plans that He wants to see come to pass.

He goes on to say, "...thoughts [or plans] of peace and not of evil, to give you a hope and a future." This verse reinforces the amazing goodness of God in that everything He does for us is to bless us and take care of us and to watch over us like we would our own children.

I have come to believe absolutely in the goodness of God! He is unchangingly good! Not just in a theological sense as though it were a fact I just accept, but in a personal and experiential way. I believe He is always on my side and He always works for me when I'm in difficult times or when I'm dealing with spiritual things that I'm not sure how to overcome.

I have never believed that I will be in a situation where I desperately need His help and He turns away as though He were saying, "this will teach him something". My father in the natural would never have done that. I know for a fact that if I were dealing with some kind of terrible disease or sickness, my earthly dad would have done everything humanly possible to get me what I needed to get better.

It is this same foundational belief in the goodness of my father God that has strengthened me through the years when hard times have come or when I was dealing with change and growth and not sure which way to go. To know that He is always "FOR" me eradicates so many of the questions and problems some Christians have.

Think of it this way. If you were in a squad of soldiers and you were never quite sure what your comrade behind you might do, how much

confidence would you have in him? And if he ever shot you, even just once, because he reacted out of fear instead of from the training he received, you would have a tough time ever trusting him again.

It is the same with God. I've had folks say to me in the past, "Well, you never really know what God's going to do." I thought to myself, "Wait a minute, God is not the one who can't be trusted here! If there is a problem, the cause has to be somewhere other than with God."

So I made the decision many years ago to believe that God was not the source of my difficulties, but that He would always 'cover my back.' Oral Roberts used to say, "God is a good God and the devil is a bad devil." That pretty much says it doesn't it?

The Bible says in James 1:7, "Every good and perfect gift comes from the Father of lights with whom there is no variability nor shadow of turning." There's consistency for you. You can have faith in something like that! James also says that what descends from above is first "...pure, peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality..." These are what God classifies as His own standards that He refuses to move from, so this is where you can put your faith.

Take a look at your life right now. Do you see things that don't line up with the expressed goodness of God? Perhaps the first step to take is to start believing that He is not the one causing the problem, but He is on your side! Find the scriptures that reveal His mercy and goodness, His constant blessing and faithfulness, and you will find faith will begin to grow in your heart.

Let's remember this Christmas that our God is for us. He has never wavered in His desire to be with us, to bless us, and to help us overcome in all of life's tests and trials. He's a good God!

From all of us here at Times of Refreshing Ministries, may you have a wonderful, God-filled Christmas and a victorious and blessed New Year!



Pastor Craig

The Times of Refreshing is designed to keep our partners up to date on what is happening in our ministry, Times of Refreshing.

We are confident you will find this a valuable source of information providing regular contact from the show host, Craig Buroker, a sneak preview about what is next on the show, and our latest product available.

We feel that God is using our ministry to impact this nation both as an oasis of God's presence to its viewers and as a trumpet call to Canada's church.

It is important for our partners to stay informed, and that is why we've started The Times. If you would like to write to us, see our contact information at the end of the newsletter. We love to hear from our partners!

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Pastor Craig's Itinerary...

Itinerary subject to change without notice. If you would like to receive updates on Pastor Craig's itinerary by E-mail, please contact us at info@timesofrefreshing.ca. For the most up-to-date itinerary information, visit our website at www.timesofrefreshing.ca.

January 4

Lifeline Taping at CJIL: The Miracle Channel

450 - 31 Street N, Lethbridge, AB

Please pray for Pastor Craig as he tapes this broadcast!

January 12-13

Releasing Kings Marketplace Conference

Held at: Victory Church of Airdrie

308 - 1 Avenue SE, Airdrie, AB

Call 403-948-8774 to register.

January 14-16

Preaching at Barrie Victory Centre

Held at: The Barrie Event Centre

Highway 400 and Essa Road, Barrie, ON

Contact 705-733-FIRE for more info and registration.

January 25 - February 5, 2007

VCI India Pastors Conference

Please pray for Pastor Craig during his travels.

February 11

Preaching at Southside Victory Church

6402 - 1A Street SW Calgary, AB

Sunday service times: 10 am & 6 pm.

Please call 403-253-7777 for more information.

February 14

TOR Taping at CJIL: The Miracle Channel

450 - 31 Street N, Lethbridge, AB

Come see the station, pray for Pastor Craig

and be a part of the live audience.

February 16-18

Preaching at Jubilee Victory Church

2900 Argenta Road, Mississauga, ON

For directions and service times please call 905-567-8522

December 31

CJIL: The Miracle Channel New Years Eve Event

450 - 31 Street N, Lethbridge, AB

Time in to this special broadcast!

Would you like to have Pastor Craig minister at your next function?

Contact our office by phone or E-mail and speak with

Rev. Ann Camber at info@timesofrefreshing.ca

or at 1-877-877-87 ext. 2.

Excerpts from...

Hearing the Voice of God by Pastor Craig Buroker

How do I hear the voice of God? What is the difference between the sound of God's voice, my own thoughts and the voice of the enemy? How do I recognize God's leading and then follow it? I get these questions more than any others when I travel.

Does God Speak to Us?

Let's look at what the Word says. In John 16:13, Jesus says, "However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come."

From this verse we can see that God speaks, and He speaks to us. The Holy Spirit longs to communicate to us just like we want to talk to the members of our own household. We like to talk with our families, doesn't it make sense that God likes to speak with His?

If God speaks, how can I hear Him speak?

Before I started to learn to hear God, I didn't realize I'd have to learn to hear His voice by faith. II Corinthians 5:7 says, "For we walk by faith, not by sight." We learn spiritual things by faith, and hearing God is a spiritual thing. Just like speaking in tongues takes faith, we also have to walk by faith when it comes to hearing the voice of God.

The first step of faith is desire. How do we start to

hear accurately and consistently? We desire it. Faith without desire doesn't fulfill anything. Romans 8:5 says, "For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit." It takes a desire to follow and to learn the things of the Spirit because there is a process to it.

When God speaks, where will I hear His voice come from?

The longer I have been born again, the more I find hearing His voice comes from inside me, from my spirit. We always want God to speak to our minds, but He speaks to our spirits.

In John 4:24, Jesus says, "God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

When Jesus says, "worship in spirit," He is talking about our human spirit.

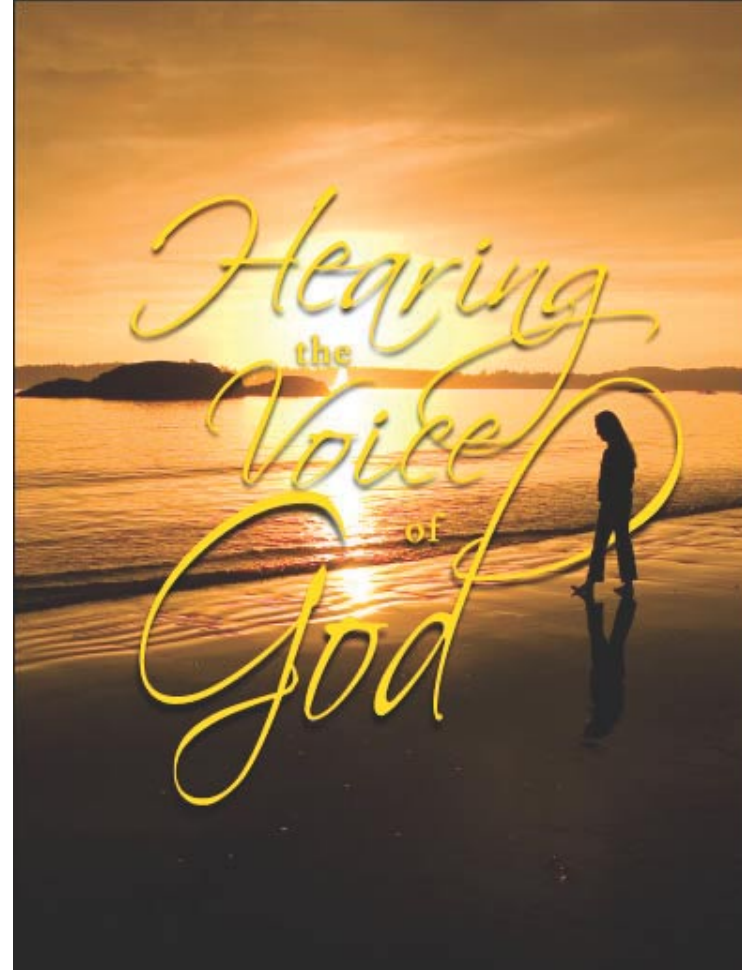
When we purpose to hear God, our hearing will come from the same place our worship comes from, our spirit.

One of the easiest way to become aware of our spirit is in worship. Furthermore, in worship, our spirit can learn to sense His presence. And as we become aware of His presence, it sets the stage for us to begin to recognize and hear His voice.

Why can some people hear Him, but not me?

Let's look at what happened in John 12:28: "Then a voice came from heaven... the people who stood by and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, 'An angel has spoken to Him.'" When God speaks, some hear thunder! I wonder how many times God has spoken to us and we thought it was a jet plane?

All of us have the ability to hear God, some of us just need



more training to know what He is saying. I find that as I spend more time communing with Him and waiting in His presence, I become more aware of His presence, and I learn to recognize and distinguish His voice. When we spend time with Him, it sets the stage for us to hear what He is saying.

A new baby can hear his mother speaking but can only distinguish her voice tone at first. He learns when his mother is being loving or being correctional. As he gets older, he will learn to recognize her words and then the meaning of her words. Similarly, as we grow older or mature in God, we learn to hear His words and His message to us.

You can hear God!

So know that God does speak to us. He likes to communicate even more than we do. Desire to hear Him. Reach out with your faith. And realize there will be a process to learn to hear. It takes practice. But as you take the time, you will learn to hear the voice of God.

edited by Mara Fraser

For more teaching on this topic: What voices are not God? Following the inward witness, and Practical tools to hearing God's voice, order the "Hearing the Voice of God" series.

Check the facing page for details.

The Word on Guidance...

The following verses are especially good to help you build your faith as you learn to Hear the Voice of God.

See this and other Scripture Lists on our resources page at www.timesofrefreshing.ca/resources.cfm.

Psalms 32:8 - I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will guide you with My eye.

Psalms 37:3-5 - Trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and feed on His faithfulness. Delight yourself also in the Lord, and He shall give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the Lord, trust also in Him, And He shall bring it to pass.

Psalms 37:23 - The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord, and He delights in his way.

Psalms 73:23-24 - Nevertheless I am continually with You; You hold me by my right hand. You will guide me with Your counsel, and afterward receive me to glory.

Psalms 119:105 - Your Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

Psalms 138:8 - The Lord will perfect that which concerns me; Your mercy, O Lord, endures forever; do not forsake the works of your hands.

Psalms 143:8 - Cause me to hear Your lovingkindness in the morning, for in You do I trust; cause me to know the way in which I should walk, for I lift up my soul to You.

Proverbs 3:5-6 - Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct your paths.

Proverbs 16:3 - Commit your works to the Lord and your thoughts will be established.

Proverbs 16:9 - A man's heart plans his way, but the Lord directs his steps.

Isaiah 30:21 - Your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, 'This is the way, walk ye in it', whenever you turn to the right hand or whenever you turn to the left.

John 10:5 - His own sheep follow Him, for they know His voice and the voice of a stranger they will not follow.

John 10:14 - I am the Good Shepherd; and I know My sheep, and am known by My own.

John 10:27 - My sheep hear my voice, and I know them and they follow Me.

John 14:26 - But the Helper, the Holy spirit, He will teach you all things.

John 16:13 - He will guide you into all truth and show you things to come.

Philippians 1:6 - Being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the Day of Jesus Christ.

Philippians 2:13 - For it is God who works in you both to do His will and His good pleasure.

James 1:5 - If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.

Hearing the Voice of God... airs November 21 to December 18 Item#1043

God longs to communicate with us, His Family. How can we learn to hear Him? In this series, Pastor Craig teaches the fundamental tools to recognizing the voice of God. Learn how to hear the inward witness, follow His guidance, and mature in your ability to discern His voice.

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