

John 10:14-28

"I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me. They will listen to my voice, and there will be one flock and one shepherd. ...But you do not believe because you are not my sheep. My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand."

My sheep listen to my voice;
I know them,
and they follow me.

God has a voice.

His followers believe it.

Hear it. And obey it.

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Hearing God in a World of Noise

A Series from 2 Chronicles

So how does God speak to us?

● Through Creation & Nature.

Psalm 19:1-4

“The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of His hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge. They have no speech, they use no words; no sound is heard from them. Yet their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world.”

So how does God speak to us?

● His Still Small Voice

1 Kings 19:11-12

“Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper.”

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Romans 8:14-16

“For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, ‘Abba, Father.’ The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children.”

So how does God speak to us?

● The Written Word of God

Psalms 119:9-11

“How can a young person stay on the path of purity?
By living according to your Word. I seek you with all my heart;
do not let me stray from your commands. I have hidden your
Word in my heart that I might not sin against you.”

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● The Spoken Word of God

1 Peter 4:10-11

“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God.”

So how does God speak to us?

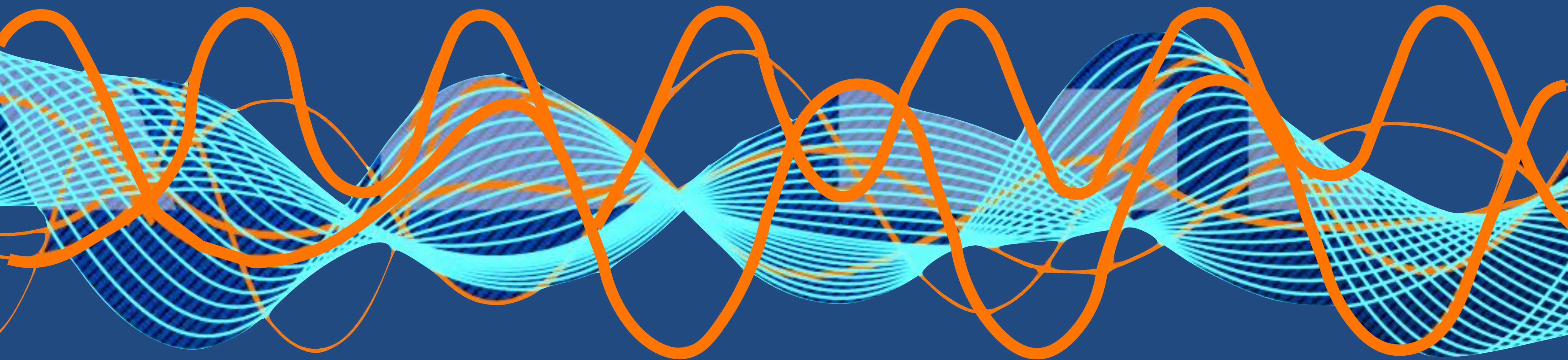
- Through our Conscience
- Through Visions & Dreams
- Through “Coincidences”

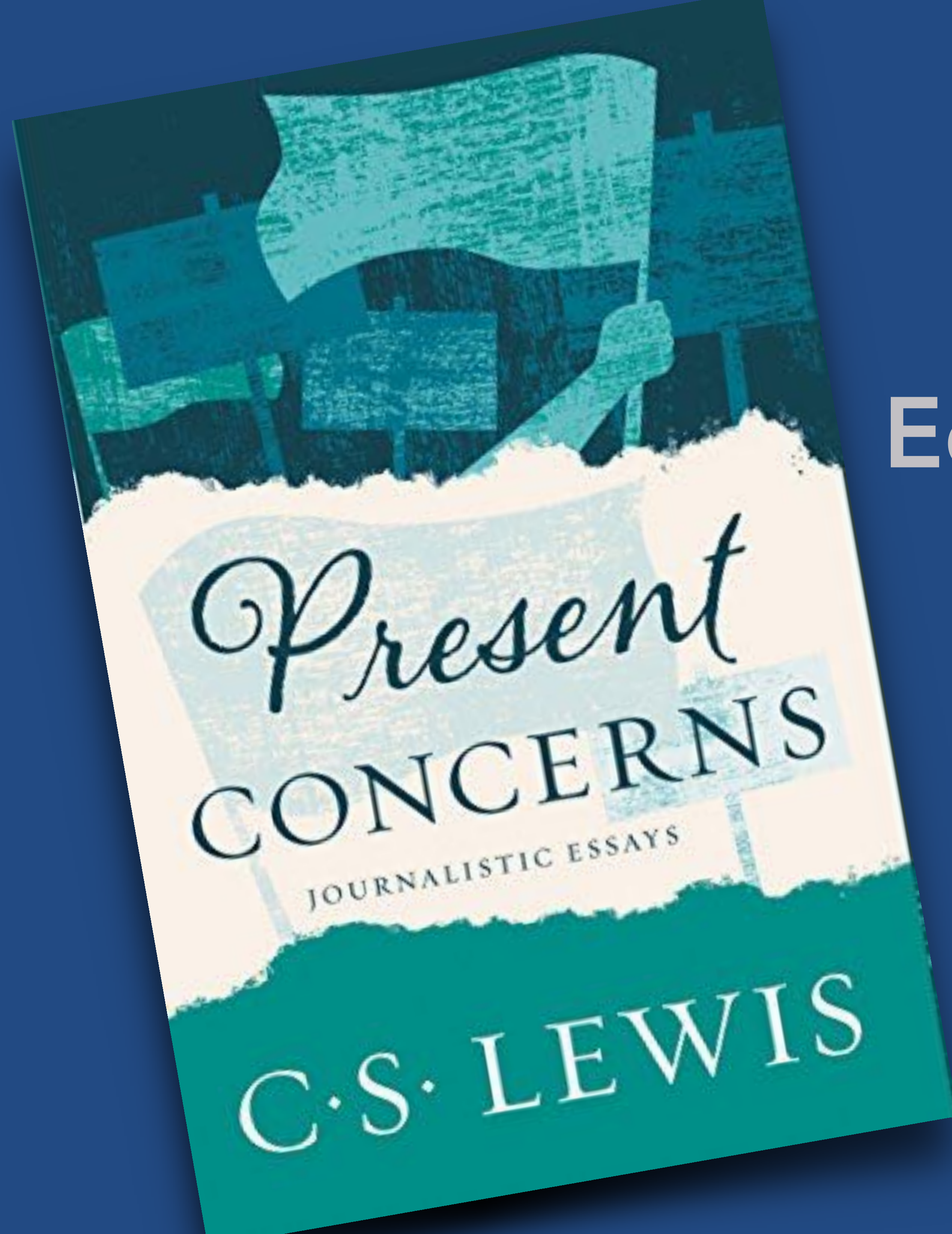
The question is not,
“Is God still speaking?”

The question is,
“Are we listening?”

I pray that in 8 weeks,
we will be far better equipped
to hear—and much more
tuned in to listen—to the
voice of God in our lives.

And this is no easy task!
We live in a noisy world!





Edited & Introduced
by Walter Hooper

'Who is Elizabeth Taylor?' asked C.S. Lewis. He and I were talking about the difference between 'prettiness' and 'beauty', and I suggested that Miss Taylor was a great beauty. 'If you read the newspapers,' I said to Lewis, 'you would know who she is.' 'Ah-h-h-h!' said Lewis playfully, 'but that is how I keep myself *unspotted from the world*.' He recommended that if I absolutely MUST read newspapers I have a frequent '*mouthwash*' with "The Lord of the Rings" or some other great book.

Is C.S. Lewis saying that we
actually have control over
what voices we choose
to listen to?

Don't become so well adjusted
to your culture that you listen
to it without even thinking.

Romans 12:1-2 MSG

So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for Him.

Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what God wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you.

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Hearing God in a World of Noise

“I’m Listening” — 1 Samuel 3

1 Samuel 3

The boy Samuel ministered before the Lord under Eli. In those days the word of the Lord was rare; there were not many visions. One night Eli, whose eyes were becoming so weak that he could barely see, was lying down in his usual place. The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the house of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called Samuel. Samuel answered, "Here I am." And he ran to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." But Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down." So he went and lay down.

1 Samuel 3

Again the Lord called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." "My son," Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down." Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord: The word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. A third time the Lord called, "Samuel!"

And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." Then Eli realized that the Lord was calling the boy. So Eli told Samuel, "Go and lie down, and if he calls you, say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'"

So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

1 Samuel 3

The Lord came and stood there, calling as at the other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" Then Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." And the Lord said to Samuel: "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make the ears of everyone who hears about it tingle. At that time I will carry out against Eli everything I spoke against his family—from beginning to end. For I told him that I would judge his family forever because of the sin he knew about; his sons blasphemed God, and he failed to restrain them. Therefore I swore to the house of Eli, 'The guilt of Eli's house will never be atoned for by sacrifice or offering.'"

1 Samuel 3

Samuel lay down until morning and then opened the doors of the house of the Lord. He was afraid to tell Eli the vision, but Eli called him and said, "Samuel, my son." Samuel answered, "Here I am." "What was it he said to you?" Eli asked. "Do not hide it from me. May God deal with you, be it ever so severely, if you hide from me anything he told you." So Samuel told him everything, hiding nothing from him. Then Eli said, "He is the Lord; let him do what is good in His eyes."

1 Samuel 3

The Lord was with Samuel as he grew up, and he let none of Samuel's words fall to the ground. And all Israel from Dan to Beersheba recognized that Samuel was attested as a prophet of the Lord.

The Lord continued to appear at Shiloh, and there He revealed himself to Samuel through His word.

**1. Sometimes God chooses
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v. 1

“In those days the word of the Lord
was rare; there were not many visions.”

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Judges 21:25

“In those days Israel had no king;
everyone did as they saw fit.”

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- **If you're not hearing from God,
ask yourself some hard questions.**

2. God speaks to people who have no idea who He is.

v. 7

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The word of the Lord had not yet been
revealed to him.”

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- **If you're a Christian, did God speak to you before you knew Him?**

3. Eli was a priest—and he was clueless. Position means nothing to God.

v. 8

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And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said,
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that the Lord was calling the boy.”

4. God is patient.

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calling as at the other times,
‘Samuel! Samuel!’”

4. God is patient.

2 Peter 3:9

“The Lord is not slow in keeping His promise, as some understand slowness. Instead He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.”

5. Six Words that will Change your Life.

v. 10

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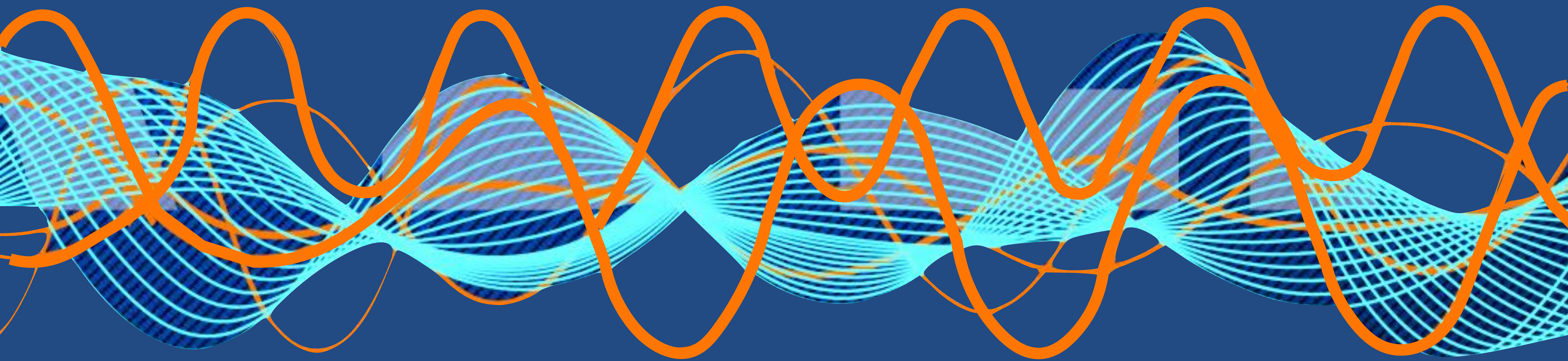
James 1:19

“My dear brothers and sisters, take note of
this: Everyone should be quick to listen,
slow to speak and slow to become angry.”

**6. God will Speak to you through
His Word. Even a verse a day
makes a difference.**

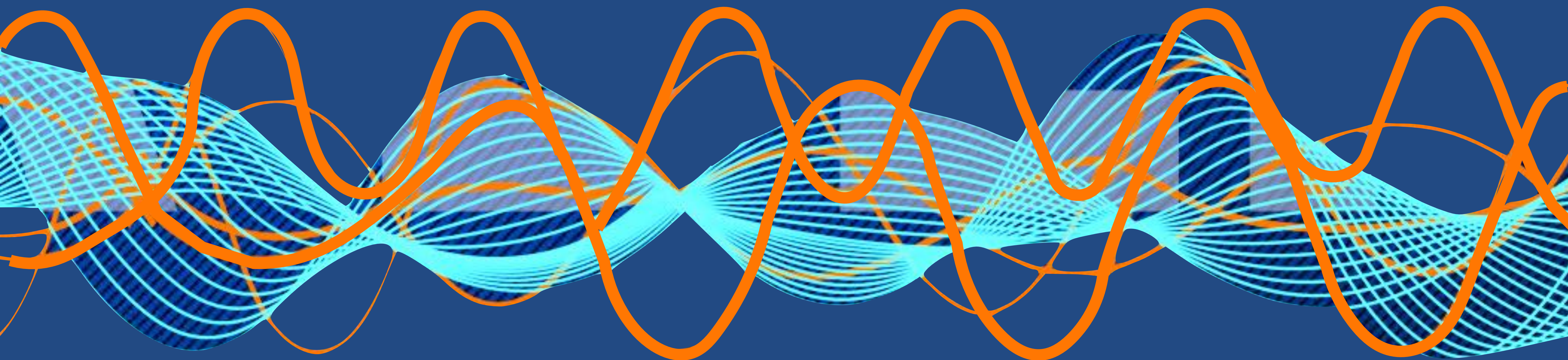
v. 21

“The Lord continued to appear at Shiloh,
and there He revealed Himself to Samuel
through his Word.”



What noise are you listening to?

What is God saying to you?



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