

# LISTEN

Hidden Treasure 06

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Scripture Reading: Ephesians 4:4-6

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*By faith we understand that **the universe was created by the word of God**, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible (Hebrews 11:3).*

All Transformation in the Bible is Through Words Spoken

## II. Principle #4 – Listen to God's Voice.

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*<sup>1</sup> Then the people of Israel set out and camped in the plains of Moab... <sup>2</sup> And Balak... saw all that Israel had done to the Amorites. <sup>3</sup> And Moab was in great dread of the people, because they were many. Moab was overcome with fear of the people of Israel. <sup>4</sup> **And Moab said to the elders of Midian**, "This horde will now lick up all that is around us, as the ox licks up the grass of the field." **So Balak... <sup>5</sup> sent messengers to Balaam... to call him, saying**, "Behold, a people has come out of Egypt. They cover the face of the earth, and they are dwelling opposite me. <sup>6</sup> Come now, curse this people for me, since they are too mighty for me. Perhaps I shall be able to defeat them and drive them from the land, for I know that he whom you bless is blessed, and he whom you curse is cursed" (Numbers 22:1–6).*

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*<sup>15</sup> Once again Balak sent princes, more in number and more honorable than these. <sup>16</sup> **And they came to Balaam and said to him**, "Thus says Balak the son of Zippor: 'Let nothing hinder you from coming to me, <sup>17</sup> for I will surely do you great honor, and whatever you say*

to me I will do. Come, curse this people for me.’ ”<sup>18</sup> But Balaam answered and said to the servants of Balak, “Though Balak were to give me his house full of silver and gold, **I could not go beyond the command of the Lord my God to do less or more.** ”<sup>19</sup> So you, too, please stay here tonight, that I may know what more the Lord will say to me.”<sup>20</sup> **And God came to Balaam at night and said to him, “If the men have come to call you, rise, go with them; but only do what I tell you.”** (Numbers 22:15–20).

[the devil] said to him [Jesus], “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, **for it is written,** “‘He will command his angels concerning you,’ and “‘On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone’” (Matthew 4:6).

**All the words of my mouth are righteous; there is nothing twisted or crooked in them.** <sup>9</sup> **They are all straight** to him who understands, and **right** to those who find knowledge. <sup>10</sup> **Take my instruction** instead of silver, and **knowledge** rather than choice gold, <sup>11</sup> for wisdom is better than jewels, and all that you may desire cannot compare with her (Proverbs 8:8–11).

### III. One Body

<sup>4</sup> There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—<sup>5</sup> one Lord, one faith, one baptism, <sup>6</sup> one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all (Ephesians 4:4–6).

<sup>1</sup> Long ago, at many times and in many ways, **God spoke to our fathers by the prophets,** <sup>2</sup> but in these last days **he has spoken to us by his Son,** whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world (Hebrews 1:1–2).

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