

His Still Small Voice:

Hosea 5:12 “I will come to Ephraim like a **moth**, and to the house of Judah like rottenness.”

- A moth is a small insect that is harmless [for the most part], that flies around and may be a distraction, or get in your face or hair; but is easily brushed away and goes on.
- This is the only time in scripture the Lord says He will come as a moth; gentle – tender.

Later in Hosea, the Lord says:

Hosea 8:1 “Set the trumpet to your mouth! He shall come like an eagle against the house of the Lord.”

- There is a great difference in the wingspan of a moth and that of an eagle.
- There is a great difference in the purpose & power of the moth coming than that of the eagle coming.

The word also says He will come as a Lion:

Hosea 5:14 “For I will be like a lion to Ephraim, and like a young lion to the house of Judah.”

- This is a stronger degree of God trying to get the attention of His people to turn to Him and return and obey His ways.
- Each time they didn't listen, God would come to them in a stronger way.

You and I need to be in a spiritual place that we will know how to discern the voice of God as we are living in the last days. A day of great deception and many voices and terrific times of confusion.

God's #1 choice in dealing with us is to come to us like a moth.

Hosea says He wants to come:

- Gently
- Tenderly
- We are in a grace dispensation where He deals with us in grace – mercy – love.
- Biblical definition of Grace = “God's empowering presence that enables us to be who He created us to be and to do what He created us to do – for His glory.”

God is speaking and dealing gently calling to you to come to Him, He loves you and wants to have a relationship with you.

James 5:11

“You have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord, that the Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy.”

- God has a side to Him that He is pitiful and of tender mercy.
 - Where God is saying to mankind- “Won’t you come to Me, I love you and want to share My love with you.
 - Don’t you want to be with Me and don’t you want to love Me?
 - Don’t you want to give your life to Me?
 - He’s mighty, but there is a pitiful side that is a side of His character.

But on the other hand, there is this side of Gods’ character that is just as severe as the mercy of God.

- He is saying: “If you don’t hear Me when I come to you with those little fluttering’s, gentle pressings, that kindness and feeling of Him drawing us to Him; I’ve got an eagle over here that I’ll allow to come:
 - He’s got sharp claws – and I’ll get your attention one way or another.
 - And if that eagle doesn’t get your attention; I’ve got a lion that will be released and he can do the job to bring you to your senses.

But, I’m not going to leave you to yourself!

But what is really drastic on God’s part in dealing with us is when He says:

Hosea 5:15

“I will return again to My place till they acknowledge their offense. Then they will seek My face; in their affliction they will earnestly seek Me.”

- **Divine abandonment** – “I’ll let you have your own will and your way over My will and My way. I’ll go back to My place and I’ll watch you do what you wouldn’t do until you come to an end of yourself and then you will come find me where I am.”
- After I have pursued you and you’ve said NO – NO – NO to My will.

The most dangerous thing that God can do to you is when He says:

“I give in to your will over My will for your life.”

God is dealing with some of you in the ministry of the moth!

- But if you keep saying: “I want this for my life and I want that for my life that is opposed to God’s will, I don’t care what anybody says, or God says; my parents say, what is right says, what the law says, I don’t care what the eagle says or the lion says – **God will withdraw Himself and sit in His place and say:**

“I didn’t give you permission, to do what you’re doing; but now I’m going to watch your life train-wreck, until you get to a place of humility that you’ll come find **Me.**”

- God says: **“I’ll be waiting.”**

The will of God is to speak softly, gentle flutters, hardly noticed, tender and sensitive to the Holy Spirit – tender and sensitive to His voice to guide us.

But if that moth doesn’t get to you – that voice gets stronger, and He sends the eagle, and if that doesn’t get to you:

- The things you are doing.
- The people you are running with.
- The bad choices you are making.

At some point - He releases the lion and he will rip and devour and tear your life up until you wake up and realize God doesn’t hate you but He knows what is best for your life.

But His 1st choice is always the ministry of the moth!

If we are sensitive to the Holy Spirit’s tender dealing with us:

- We are hearing His voice.
- We are sensitive to His correction in areas of our lives.
- We are obedient to correct that area and make the right choice.
- We bring our flesh into submission to His will for our lives.

God is so good and He blesses us.

God gave Adam and Even a simple and tender voice to “Not eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil in the Garden.”

- There was no protection or fence around that tree. Just the gentle voice of the Lord not to partake of that tree.
- There was no protection or fence around it; just the gentle ministry like the moth – “Just don’t eat of that tree.”
- But they did exactly what He told them not to do; then there was placed the angel with the flaming sword at the entrance of the garden – **this is the lion.**
- When you won’t listen to the moth – God sends the lion – driving them out of all they could have had.
- But, His first approach is to come in the ministry of the moth.

David said it like this: Psa. 16:6 “My lines have fallen to me in pleasant places; yes, I have a good inheritance.”

- The Lord drew lines, perimeters and barriers around his life letting him go this far, but don't cross the line.
- God has put lines on all of us to keep us out of trouble and within His blessing.

“**They are in pleasant places.**” = As long as you stay within His perimeters and His placement for your life; He leads you besides the still waters, He will provide you the greenest pastures, you will lay down beside the still waters, and your every need will be supplied.

When you get discontent and say: “But I want that over there and I have to have that, God will say: “If you won't listen to Me, just go on.”

- If you won't allow the lines of God to be kept in your life – the perimeters, barriers; then the devil will release his lions against you.
- I'd rather have the lines of God keeping me in the perimeters of God's blessing than to have the enemy's lions after me devouring and ripping my life to pieces.

Yes, God places restrictions in my life; but they are in pleasant places.

Everything on the other side will devour and destroy – kill – steal and wipe out your life.

- It is a beautiful thing to be gently checked by the Holy Spirit.
- It is a beautiful thing to be gently led.
- It is a beautiful thing to be so sensitive and tender towards the Holy Spirit who just flutters about something you are doing and makes a correction about something you are looking at or thinking about.
- You get a check in your spirit to not do that.

And that is the hardest the Lord has to judge you if you will be sensitive to that quiet leading.

Sometimes we think we are getting away with sin:

Rom. 2:4 “Or do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that **the goodness of the God leads you to repentance.**”

- Anytime you know you are doing wrong and nothing bad is happening to you; don't ever think that it's OK with God and He's winking at you and it's alright –
- “My Word says it's sin, but you just keep on doing it – cause your special!”

That is never God's intent – any time you don't get judgment for what you know is blatant sin and wrong; it's not God saying its ok;

It's God's goodness holding back the judgment – He's covering you and holding back things you don't see that are there – giving you time to come back to Him – so that you will realize it's the goodness of the Lord leading you back to repentance.

It's not to give you a license to keep on doing what you know is wrong!

Repenting and repeating – repenting and repeating over and over again.

When you determine and insist on going your own way and refusing the way the Lord has for you – He will step back and withdraw His divine presence and allow you to go that way that you are insisting to go and you will trample through the roads blocks of the eagle and the lion and things being torn apart in your life.

Today, the ministry of the moth is among us to deal, speak, convict and lead us into righteousness by speaking to us as a moth: gentle & tender and pleading with us to follow Him.

He speaking to you today to:

- **Just forgive** that person whose offended and sinned against you.
Its' not worth being angry and hating them and losing His blessing on your life.
- **Stop looking at the pornography** and corrupting your soul and destroying your marriage and family.
- **Stop trying to justify your secret sins** thinking they will never get a control over your life.
- **Stop lusting after that person at work or even church** – God can give you victory over your flesh so you won't be judge by Him and miss heaven.
- **Stop running with those people** who are leading you away from the Lord rather than closer to Me.
- Do you know what you are involved with and where it's going to take you?
- **Come back to Me!**

