ANSWER:

God communicates with people in various ways. He can speak directly to individuals, send angels to deliver His messages, or use human beings as messengers. In rare instances, He may even use animals (Numbers 22:30) or elements of nature (Job 12:7-9) as a means of communication.

Theological Insight:
From a theological perspective, God speaks in diverse ways, but His messages are always consistent and true. When God speaks directly, He does so to communicate His will, to guide, and to reveal Himself to His creation. The use of angels and humans as intermediaries reflects God’s sovereign will to use created beings to carry His message. This understanding is important because it shows that God’s mode of communication may vary, but His intent and message remain unchanged.

Humans and animals are physical beings, and God does not use their spirits to communicate with us. For example, God does not use my spirit or someone else’s spirit to speak to another person’s spirit. Instead, when God wants to speak to someone, He communicates to a servant in the spirit, and that servant then

delivers the message. It is only the Holy Spirit and holy angels who have the spiritual nature to speak to us in this way because they are spiritual beings. The Bible affirms this spiritual distinction in Hebrews 1:14 (NKJV): *“Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation?”* Angels, as spiritual beings, are sent to serve God’s purposes, including speaking to His people.

Angels and the Holy Spirit:
Angels, while powerful and important servants of God, always act in obedience to His will and speak His messages, never their own. They can appear in human form, give a message directly, or communicate through a person’s spirit. However, when angels speak, it is essentially the voice of God speaking through them, as the angels are merely His messengers.

Genesis 22:10-16 (NKJV):
In this passage, when Abraham is about to sacrifice Isaac, the Angel of the Lord speaks to him directly. The message the angel delivers is clearly divine, and the tone suggests that it’s not just any angel but a representative of God Himself. The angel’s voice in this passage reflects God’s will, and this is why the angel’s words carry such authority, even though it’s technically an angel

speaking.

> *“But the Angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, ‘Abraham, Abraham!’... and He said, ‘Do not lay your hand on the lad, or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me.’” (Genesis 22:11-12 NKJV)*

This passage makes it clear that the message delivered by the angel is as authoritative as God’s direct command. The angel is simply conveying God’s message, highlighting that the distinction between the angel’s voice and God’s voice is not always easy to discern.

Exodus 3:1-6 (NKJV):
Moses’ encounter with the Angel of the Lord in the burning bush is another key passage that helps us understand the role of angels in delivering God’s messages. In this passage, although God Himself is speaking through the angel, the narrative presents the angel’s words as if they are directly from God.

> *“The Angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire from the midst of a bush... when the Lord saw that he turned aside to look, God called to him from the midst of the bush and said, ‘Moses! Moses!’” (Exodus 3:2-4 NKJV)*

Here, the angel is delivering God’s message to Moses, and the angel’s words are clearly God’s. The distinction between the angel and God becomes blurred because the message is the same. This shows that angels, though separate beings, carry God’s voice and speak His words without modification.

Judges 2:1 (NKJV):
In this passage, the Angel of the Lord speaks to the Israelites, declaring that God is the one who led them out of Egypt and fulfilled His promises. Although the angel uses the first-person pronoun “I,” it’s important to understand that it is God who made the covenant, not the angel.

> *“Then the Angel of the Lord came up from Gilgal to Bochim, and said: ‘I led you up from Egypt and brought you to the land of which I swore to your fathers; and I said, I will never break My covenant with you.’” (Judges 2:1 NKJV)*

The angel here is acting as a spokesperson, delivering a message that God Himself had given. This passage reinforces the idea that angels do not speak their own words but relay God’s instructions and promises to His people.

Theological Implications:
Angels are, in essence, servants who relay God’s will. They do not speak independently of God. When they speak, they are essentially God’s voice in the world. This understanding helps us comprehend why it is difficult to differentiate between the voice of the Holy Spirit and the voice of an angel. Both deliver God’s message, though one is a direct spiritual presence (the Holy Spirit) and the other is a messenger (the angel).

Differentiating the Voice of God and His Messengers:
It is difficult to distinguish the voice of the Holy Spirit from the voice of an angel, especially when both speak with the authority of God. For instance, an angel may say, “I the Lord have said…” and you might assume it’s God speaking directly, when in fact, it’s His angel delivering the message.

The Key Lesson:
Rather than trying to differentiate between the voices of the Holy

Spirit and angels, the focus should be on obedience. The important thing is not which voice we hear, but that we listen and obey, knowing that God is speaking to us through His messengers, whether directly or through an angel. In John 14:26 (NKJV), Jesus promises that the Holy Spirit will guide us in all truth:

> *“But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.”*

The message, whether delivered by the Holy Spirit directly or by an angel, remains the same: we must listen and obey. The key takeaway is that obedience to God’s will is what matters most, regardless of whether the message comes directly from God or through His angels.

Conclusion:
Theologically speaking, the distinction between the voice of the Holy Spirit and the voice of angels is blurred because both are speaking the same divine message. What is most important is not

to differentiate between these voices but to obey what we hear, knowing it comes from God. Let us be attentive and obedient to His messages, whether they come through His Holy Spirit or His angels.

May God bless us as we heed His Word and share it with others.

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